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City of Boston.

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Monday January 1. 1855.

This being the day assigned by law for the organization of the City Government for the present year, the following gentlemen appeared and took their seats.

Organization.

Jerome V. C. Smith, Mayor.

Aldermen.

Josiah Dunham, Jr.

Charles T. Woodman,

William Washburn.

John M. Clark,

Robert Cowdin,

Charles Woodberry,

Samuel Topliff,

Albion K. P. Joy,

Thomas Sprague,

Benjamin F. Cooke,

Joseph L. Drew,

Salma E. Gould, Alderman elect,

was absent at this stage of the proceedings.

Mr. Chipman of Ward N<sup>o</sup> 5. came up with a Message informing this Board that a quorum of the Common Council were present in their Chamber and were ready to be qualified. The two branches accordingly assembled in Convention.

When prayer was offered by the Reverend Edward N. Kirk.

After which the Honorable Lemuel Shaw, Chief Justice of the Commonwealth administered the oaths of office to the Mayor: who in turn administered them to the Aldermen elect who were present and then to the following members of the Common Council - viz:-

City Council.



January 1, 1855.

William P. Howard,  
William Marble,  
Samuel P. Whitman,  
George D. Ricker.

George W. Chipman,  
Joseph Story,  
Joseph A. Pond,  
William G. Harris.

Jonas H. French,  
John W. T. Hodder,  
Charles Nowell,  
William B. Merrill.

Bradbury G. Prescott,  
Austin Gove,  
Amos A. Dannels,  
Edward F. Porter.

George S. Jones,  
George W. Spearman,  
Benjamin F. Stevens,  
Alvin Vinal.

Hezekiah Prince,  
William A. Bell,  
Samuel W. Ropes,  
Charles S. Burgess.

Samuel Jepson,  
Jonathan B. Severance,  
William H. Lounsbury,  
Edward W. Hinks.

Farnham Plummer,  
Samuel Hatch,  
Artemas Stone,  
Hales W. Suter.

Charles Mayo,  
John W. F. Hobbs,  
Eben Farbell,  
Jarius A. Frost.

Robert J. Burbank,  
Charles B. Farley,  
Lorenzo S. Lragin,  
Jerome W. Tyler.

Charles C. Rogers,  
Joseph Buckley,  
Sylvester P. Gilbert,  
Frederick L. Washburn.

Edward M. Mainard,  
George S. Dexter,  
Daniel Hall,

His Honor the Mayor then addressed  
both branches of the City Council, after which the Convention dissolved.

Alderman  
qualified.

Upon the return of the Board of Aldermen to their room Alderman Salma E. Gould appeared and was qualified by His Honor the Mayor who administered to him the oaths of office required by law.



The Board then proceeded to 3

elect a Chairman in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared, that the whole number of ballots was 11. Necessary for a choice 6. Josiah Dunham, Jr. had 5. William Washburn 3. John M. Clark, Joseph L. Drew and Samuel Topliff one each - and there was no choice.

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Chairman  
of Aldermen.

The Board then proceeded to a second ballot with the following result: Whole number of votes 11. Necessary for a choice 6. Josiah Dunham, Jr. had 3. William Washburn 4. B. F. Cooke 2. S. Topliff 1. and J. L. Drew 1. - and there was no choice.

The Board proceeded to a third ballot with the following result. Whole number of votes 11. Necessary for choice 6. J. Dunham, Jr. 4. W. Washburn 5. B. F. Cooke 2. and there was no choice.

The Board proceeded to a fourth ballot with the following result. Whole number of votes 12. Necessary for choice 7. J. Dunham, Jr. 4. W. Washburn 4. C. Woodberry 1. S. Topliff 1. J. M. Clark 1. J. L. Drew 1. and there was no choice.

The Board proceeded to a fifth ballot with the following result. Whole number of votes 11. Necessary for choice 6. Josiah Dunham, Jr. had 3. William Washburn 5. C. Woodberry 1. J. M. Clark 1. B. F. Cooke 1. and there was no choice.

The Board then proceeded to a sixth ballot with the following result. Whole number of ballots 11. Necessary for choice 6. J. Dunham, Jr. had 4. W. Washburn 3. C. Woodberry, J. L. Drew, B. F. Cooke, and C. T. Woodman one each, and there was no choice.



The Board then proceeded to January 1, 1855. a seventh ballot with the following result, viz: Whole number Chairman 11. Necessary for choice 6. Josiah Dunham Jr had 4. William Washburn 5. J. M. Clark 2. and there was no choice.

The Board then proceeded to an eighth ballot with the following result viz: Whole number 11. Necessary for choice 6. J. Dunham Jr had 3. William Washburn 6. B. F. Cooke and S. Topliff, one each. Alderman Washburn having the requisite number was accordingly elected.

On motion of Alderman Drew a message was sent to inform the other branch of the choice of a Chairman of this Board.

Com: Council

organization of with a message informing this Board that the Common Council was organized by the choice of Joseph Story as President and Washington P. Gregg Clerk.

City Clerk

On motion of Alderman Drew a message was sent to the Common Council proposing a Convention of the City Council forthwith for the purpose of choosing a City Clerk for the present Municipal Year.

Notice having been received that the Common Council concurred in the foregoing proposition, the two branches assembled in

Convention.

The Chair appointed Alderman Clark and Messrs Hatch and French a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a City Clerk, who having attended to



that duty, reported, that, the whole number of votes was 57. Necessary 5.  
for choice 29. Samuel J. Mc Cleary, Jr. had 57, and was accordingly elected. January 1, 1855.  
adul.

The oaths of office having been administered to him by the Mayor, and the business of the convention having been accomplished, the two branches separated.

In Board of Aldermen.

Ordered: That Aldermen Drew, Locke and Sprague be a Committee to report Rules and Orders for the government of this Board the present year. Rules & Orders

Ordered: That the joint Rules and Orders of the City Council of the last year be adopted as the Rules and Orders of this City Council until otherwise provided, and a Committee of three, consisting of Messrs Mayo, Plummer and Whippleman, with such as the other Board may join, be appointed to prepare and report joint Rules and Orders for the government of the present City Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Dunham and Fox were joined. Approved by the Mayor, January 1<sup>st</sup> 1855. Joint Rules & Orders

Ordered: That Monday at four o'clock in the afternoon be assigned as the day and time for holding the regular meetings of the Board. Meeting days of

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the eighth day of January, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board

Read Orders

The Special Committee of this Board charged with the duty of preparing Rules and Orders for the government of the Board reported a ~~series of twenty-seven resolutions~~ printed in the Municipal Register of the present year - which report was read and accepted.

Aldermen

Committees  
of Board.

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing Rules the Chair announced the following Standing Committees of this Board. Tenories &c: Aldermen Cowdin, Washburn & Cooke. Bridges Aldermen Dunham, Gould and Woodberry. Cemeteries Aldermen Clark, Woodberry and Cowdin. Common &c: Aldermen Topliff, Woodman and Cooke. Account &c: Aldermen Clark, Topliff and Sprague. Fire Department Aldermen Drew, Sprague and Clark. External Health Aldermen Sprague, Topliff and Drew. Internal Health Aldermen Cooke, Topliff and Drew. Lamps, Bells &c: Aldermen Dunham, Cowdin and Cooke. Laying out and widening Streets Aldermen Woodman, Cowdin and Gould. Licenses Aldermen Sprague and Sprague. Police Aldermen Woodberry, Clark and Joy. Market Aldermen Washburn, Drew and Joy. Paving &c: Aldermen Dunham, Woodman and Sprague. Sewers and Drains Aldermen Gould, Drew and Woodberry. Steam Engines &c: Aldermen Cowdin, Joy and Woodman.

Special

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, James Starkweather was appointed a Special Police Officer for the New York Central Rail Road Station in Broad Street.



The Mayor communicated to 7.  
the Board a letter from the City Solicitor, concerning the liability January 8, 1855  
of abutter for damage occasioned to any individual by covering  
ice or snow remaining on the sidewalk for the space of twenty  
four hours and citing the recent verdict in the case of Martin El-  
lis vs. the City of Boston, as authority in the matter. Read and laid  
upon the table.

On nomination by the Mayor Auctioneers.  
the following persons were appointed, Auctioneers for the present year,  
viz: Buckley and Bancroft, Thomas J. Baker, Francis Sprague, Horace  
Partridge, Lewis S. Mitchell, David Hall, and Charles W. Webster & Co.

The Mayor nominated to the Undertakers.  
Board twenty five Funeral Undertakers. Read and laid upon the  
table.

Petition of Thomas J. Claflin to be Claflin.  
compensated for damage sustained by change of grade in Fifth St. Thorndike.  
and a remonstrance from Larkin Thorndike against the closing  
of his cellar doorway in Summer Street. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.

Petition of German Dramatic So- German  
ciety for leave to give Theatrical entertainments in Boston at 847  
Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses Dramatic  
Society.

Petition of W. G. Taylor and others, Taylor.  
for leave to give a Sparring exhibition at the National Theatre on Sat-  
urday evening next. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



Petition of J. Perham for leave to

January 8. 1855 give Musical Entertainments at the Melodeon. Referred to the Com.  
Perham. miller on Licenses with full power.

Shawmut Avenue

The Superintendent of Common

Stra. Temple has presented to the Board schedules of estimates for construction  
& Franklin St. of Common Sewers in Shawmut Avenue, Silva Street, Temple Street,  
and Franklin Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Bay State Lodge

Petition of the Bay State Lodge of

Turksbury

Odd Fellows for use of Faneuil Hall, Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> next for a levee &c. of

United Sons

George F. Turksbury and others for use of Faneuil Hall Feb<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> next for

of America.

a levee of the United Sons of America for use of Faneuil Hall Feb<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>

Faneuil Hall

next for a levee. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Metropolitan

Petition of the Metropolitan Rail Road

Rail Road.

Company for location of their track within the City of Boston. Referred to  
Aldermen Dunham and Corvoin.

Tuand

The several officers charged with the

Officers

duty of looking after Truant children presented to the Board their reports  
for the last quarter. Read and placed on file.

Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets presented

Sup<sup>t</sup> Report

quarterly.

to the Board his quarterly report to Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1854 which was read and  
sent down in Common Council. Placed on file.

Sup<sup>t</sup> of Streets

An: report.

The Superintendent of Streets presented

to the Board his annual report of the doings in that office for the  
year 1854. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.



The Chief of Police presented to the Board a report of the doings in his department for the last seven months. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

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January 8, 1855

Police

The Superintendent of Health presented to the Board his report for the quarter ending Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1854. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Health

Supt<sup>r</sup> of

The Superintendent of Health presented to the Board his Annual Report for the year 1854. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Supt<sup>r</sup> of Health

Ann<sup>l</sup> Report.

The Master of the House of Correction reported to the Board the civil character of the inmates of that Institution pursuant to the order of March 30, 1854. Read and placed on file.

House of

Correction.

On motion of Alderman Joy the Board proceeded to ballot for two members of the Committee on Accounts on the part of this Board, when it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 11. Necessary for choice 6. Josiah Dunham, Jr. having that number, was elected - no other person having the required number there was one vacancy: and the ballots having again been taken and counted, it appeared that the whole number of votes was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. Charles T. Woodman having that number, was elected. Sent down for concurrence. January 11<sup>th</sup> came up concurred and Alpheus G. Ames and Sumner were chosen on the part of the Council.

Accounts.

Committee on.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court, now in session, for the passage of an Act, whereby it shall be the duty of managers of Trust

Trust Funds



10. Funds left to the city for educational and other purposes to make a return of the condition of the same to the City Council of Boston annually, or oftener if thereto required by said Council. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 11. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 12 1855.

Mechanics.

Ordered: That the Chairman and Aldermen Cooke, Woodberry and Bowdin be a committee of enquiry to investigate and report what additional employment, if any, can be given to Mechanics and laborers at the present time to the advantage of the City and those needing employment.

Business resumed.

Ordered: That the several standing committees of this Board resume the unfinished business of the last year.

South Bay Bridge.

Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to petition the General Court, now in session, for an extension of the time limited by law, for the continuation of the temporary Rail Road bridge over the South Bay, by Chap. 342 of the Statutes of 1853 for the period of two years from February 1856. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 12 1855.

Municipal Register.

Ordered: That such Ordinances, by-laws and special orders of the City Council, with a list of the City Officers in the various departments of the City Government, and such other matters as may be deemed advisable, be forthwith printed under the direction of the joint Committee on Rules and Orders, who may employ such assistance as may be necessary for that purpose. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 9<sup>th</sup> 1855.



Alderman Dunham offered an 11.

Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance on Finance whereby authority is given to the City Council to elect three Aldermen and five members of the Common Council on the Committee on Accounts. Read January 8, 1855. Finance. Com<sup>on</sup> Accounts. and the Ordinance passed. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 11. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, January 12, 1855.

Petition of J. A. Keller and others Keller

that Plympton Court be lighted. Referred to the Committee on Lamp<sup>s</sup> Plympton Court.

The Inspectors of Ballast presented Ballast

to the Board their report for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1854. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Alderman Dunham presented to Public

the Board an Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance concerning Public Lands, whereby authority is given to the City Council to appoint four Aldermen and eight Common Councilmen on the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands. Read. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 11. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 12, 1855. Lands Ordinance.

Monday next at 4 1/2 o'clock, P.M. Lunatic

are assigned at the time for electing a Board of Visitors for the Lunatic Hospital.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



Common  
Council  
member  
qualified.

May January 12, 1852. Alderman E. Swan  
member of the Common Council elect from Ward N<sup>o</sup> 12. appeared this  
day, accompanied by his colleague, Edward S. Guinnard, and was  
duly qualified by the Mayor who administered to him the oaths of  
office required of him.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Fif-  
teenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1852.

Present,

The Chairman and the whole Board except Alderman Cooke.

Special  
Police.

The Mayor nominated the members  
of the present City Council as Special Police Officers, without com-  
pensation, for the present year, which nominations were confirm-  
ed by the Board.

Library  
Commission.

A communication from the Mayor,  
stating, that a vacancy exists in the Board of Public Library  
Commissioners caused by the resignation of Henry W. Frooper, Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
was read and laid on the table.

Rules & Orders.

The joint Special Committee who were  
instructed to report joint Rules and Orders for the government of the City  
Council, reported a series of Rules and Orders which are the same as  
those of the preceding year, with the following exceptions, viz: the Com-  
mittee on Public Lands to consist of three Aldermen and five members  
of the Common Council; the Committee on Public Instruction to consist  
of three Aldermen and the President and four members of the Com-  
missioners; a Committee on Fuel to consist of three Aldermen  
and five members of the Common Council; a Committee on Water



to consist of three Aldermen and five members of the Common Council: a Committee on the Public Library to consist of three Aldermen and five members of the Common Council: a Committee on Claims to consist of three Aldermen and five members of the Common Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 15. 1855. 13. January 15, 1855.

A communication from the Mayor stating that some legislation is necessary respecting licenses of Pawnbrokers &c. was read and referred to the Committee on Licenses. Licensed

A certificate from the Common Council stating that that branch had elected Messrs Chipman, Dexter, Stevens, Hobbs, Bell, Porter and Marble as a Committee on Finance, said action came up for concurrence. Read, and the Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Aldermen are joined ex officio. Finance.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Chipman, Plummer, Hobbs, Cragin and Hall with such as the Board of Aldermen may join a Standing Committee on Public Lands, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Topliff, Washburn and Drew were joined. Lands

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Prince, Fenwick, and Stone and such as the Board of Aldermen may join, a Standing Committee on Public Buildings came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Washburn, Woodman and Gould were joined. Public Buildings.



January 12 1855. *Order of the Common Council appointing the President, ex officio, Messrs Brainard, Harris, Tuler, and Ricker with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, a standing Committee on Public Instruction, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Joy, Cooke and Cowdin were joined.*

*Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island.* *Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Jones, Hatch, Nowell, Tyler, Howard, Burgess, and Severance with such as the Board of Aldermen may join a standing Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Latham Cook and Sprague were joined.*

*Fuel.* *Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Stodder, Whitman, Vinal, Gove (one vacancy) with such as the Board of Aldermen may join a Committee on Fuel, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Woodberry, Cowdin and Gould were joined.*

*Water.* *Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Hatch, Tarbell, Ropes, Farley, and Hinks with such as the Board of Aldermen may join a Standing Committee on Water, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Sprague, Skiff and Woodberry were joined.*

*Assessors Department.* *Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Hall, Gove and Chipman with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, a Standing Committee on the Assessors Department, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Gould and Cooke were joined.*

*Harbor.* *Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Porter, Marble and Burgess with such as the Board*



of Aldermen may join a Standing Committee on the Harbor, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Drew and Topliff were joined. January 15. 1855.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Rogers and Lounsbury with such as the Board of Aldermen may join a Standing Committee on Printing, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Alderman Clark was joined. Printing.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Burbank, French, Stevens, Buckley, and Pond with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, a Standing Committee on the Public Library, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Cowdin, Joy and Woodberry were joined. Library

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Mayo, Washburn, Dexter, Durnells, and Merrill, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, a Standing Committee on Ordinances, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Cooke, Dunham and Joy were joined. Ordinances

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Piummer, Frost and Bell with such as the Board of Aldermen may join a Standing Committee on the Treasury Department, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Cowdin and Drew were joined. Treasury Department

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Liverance, Rogers (one vacancy) with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, a Standing Committee on Fire Alarms, came up for concurrence. Read and con- Fire Alarms



16. curred, and Aldermen Woodman and Clark were joined.

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Claims

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs French, Gilbert, Leonard, Stone and Hinks, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, a Standing Committee on Claims, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Dunham, Woodman and Sprague were joined.

Evans

Contract.

A message from the Mayor requesting the City Council to raise the sum of Twenty three thousand, three hundred dollars to pay William Evans, as per contract with him, was referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Hackney

Carriage fares

Petition of the Boston Rail Road Coach Company and others for an alteration in the Hackney Carriage fares in this City. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Peoples Ferry

Company.

Petition of Peoples Ferry Company for an alteration of the rates of toll on their Ferry. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Foque

Petition of Maria R. Foque to be paid for land taken to widen Greenough Lane. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

B. street.

Brattle,

Congress,

Worcester Sts.

Sewers

The Superintendent of Common Sewers presented to the Board schedules of assessments for the construction of common sewers in B. street from Third to Second street - in Brattle street and Second street - in Brattle street - in Alkinson now Congress street, in Worcester street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.



Petition of Nathan Leonard 17.

and others for abatement of assessment for construction of side-walks in Andover Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. January 15 1855  
Leonard.

Communication from the Chief of Police concerning the dangerous nature of Second and other streets at South Boston which are crossed by the New York Central Rail Road. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Second & Third Streets.

Communication from the Chief of Police concerning certain obstructions in the streets of the city, such as flags, posts, awnings &c. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Streets. obstructions in

Petition of Amasa Dexter for compensation for damages sustained from a change of grade in Meridian street and other streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Dexter.

Petition of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, that the number of their members may be increased to twenty. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Hook & Ladder Co. No. 2.

Petition of J. H. Wilson and others for use of Ward Room of Ward 11. for a temperance meeting. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. January 18. Came up concurred. Wilson

Remonstrance of Joseph Hay and others against the proposed establishment of Station House No. 4. in Eliot Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred. Hay.



Petition of the Harbor Police,  
 January 15, 1855. That suitable Lockups be provided at their Station House. Referred  
 Harbor Police to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.  
 January 18. Came up concurred.

Huber.

Petition of the Harbor Master to be  
 invested with authority to keep the Harbor free of Ice. Referred to the  
 Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up  
 concurred.

Goodwin.

Petition of Mary Goodwin to be paid  
 for personal injuries sustained in Tremont Shed. Referred to the  
 Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up con-  
 curred.

Briggs

Petition of David Briggs to be com-  
 pensated for the expenses of a law suit brought against him as a  
 Field Driver of the City. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent  
 down for concurrence. January 18. Came up concurred.

Turner

Petition of John Turner to be com-  
 pensated for injuries sustained by his wife in falling upon the ice  
 in the Union Shed. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent  
 down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred.

Whitwell

Petition of Henry Whitwell (Trustee)  
 to be paid for an incumbrance on an estate purchased by him  
 of the City. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for con-  
 currence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred.

Donnelly

Petition of Mary Donnelly for remun-  
 eration for loss by fire. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent  
 down for concurrence. January 18. Came up concurred.



Remonstrance of John A. Sullivan & 19

others against the proposed sale of a lot of land in Brookline ad-  
joining the Reservoir. Referred to the Committee on Water on the  
part of this Board. January 15, 1855.

Ordering the location of the Police

Police Court.

Court that the United States Court Room may be assigned to  
them. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part  
of this Board.

The Chair appointed Aldermen for Franklin  
and Clark a committee to examine and report upon the accounts of  
William Minot, Esq. Treasurer of the Franklin Fund for the benefit  
of mechanics Fund

Ordered: That the Cochituate Water  
Board be and they are hereby authorized to present their annual  
report to the City Council in print. Sent down for concurrence Jan<sup>y</sup> 18.  
came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 20, 1855. Water  
Board.

The Superintendent of the Lunatic  
Hospital presented to the Board his quarterly report on the character  
of the inmates of that Institution: read and placed on file. Lunatic  
Hospital

The City Physician presented to the  
Board his quarterly report, wherein he recommends the establishment  
of a City Hospital. Read and sent down. In Common Council, placed  
on file. City  
Physician

The Superintendent of the House of In-  
dustry presented to the Board his quarterly report on the character of the in-  
mates of that institution. Read and placed on file. House of  
Industry



The subject of the election of a Board

January 15 1855. of Visitors of the Boston Lunatic Hospital having been taken up, a letter was  
 presented and read and a motion was made desiring to be a candidate for re election, on  
 Hospital. said Board - and the ballots having been taken and counted for seven  
 persons to constitute said Board, it appeared that Thomas Sprague,  
 Alexander H. Rice, D. M. B. Thaxter, Jr. William M. Cornell, George W. Chip-  
 man, Leonard Small, and George Odiorne were elected. Sent down  
 for concurrence

Overseers of  
 the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor presented to  
 the Board their annual report of receipts and expenditures for the  
 year 1854. Read and placed on file.

Camphene  
 licenses.

Agreeably to the report of the  
 Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, licenses for the sale of cam-  
 phene &c - were granted to D. I. Mills & Co. Smith & Tarbell, J. Porter & Co.  
 Ensign S. Wright, H. W. Atkins, Jonas Merriam & Co.

Dorchester Av:

Rail Road

Notice of the acceptance by the  
 Dorchester Avenue Rail Road of the location prescribed by this Board  
 Dec<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1854. was read and filed.

Cambridge

Rail Road

Notice of the acceptance by the  
 Cambridge Rail Road of the location prescribed by this Board Dec<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>  
 1854. was read and filed.

Accounts

Com<sup>rs</sup>.

The ballots having been taken and  
 counted for an additional member of the Committee on Accounts,  
 as prescribed by the Ordinance passed January 12. 1855. it appeared  
 that Thomas Sprague was chosen on the part of this Board and  
 down for concurrence Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred and Messrs Harris  
 and Gunnells were joined by ballot.



On the petition of W. G. Taylor 21.

and others for leave to give a Literary Exhibition at the Faneuil Theatre, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Taylor.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Faneuil Hall, the use of the Hall was granted to the "United Sons of America" on February 22<sup>d</sup> next for the purpose of holding a Levee therein. Faneuil Hall.

On the petition of the German Dramatic Society for leave to give Theatrical Entertainments at 847 Washington Street, the Committee on Licenses reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted. German Dramatic Society.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses J. Perham was licensed to give Musical Entertainments at the Melodeon. Perham

On petition of Charles Spear for assistance as a religious instructor at the Jail, the Committee on the Jail reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Spear.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Metropolitan Rail Road by their Resident, John P. Ober, Esq. have given the parties a hearing, and offer the following order. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Ordered: That due notice be given to the abutters upon the streets hereinafter named, by the publication of an attested copy of this order in the newspapers published in the cities of Boston and Roxbury, fourteen days at least prior to the location hereinafter mentioned; that they may show cause, if any there be, why the tracks of the Metropolitan Rail Road Company should not be located & Metropolitan Rail Road.



constructed as hereinafter specified in the said streets; and that  
January 13. 1835. Wednesday the seventh day of February next, at four o'clock in the  
afternoon is assigned as the time for having any objections which  
may be made thereto. The said tracks are to be located as follows:—

<sup>G.</sup> Two tracks on Washington street, from the boundary line between the  
cities of Boston and Roxbury to Dover street; <sup>B.</sup> One track in Washing-  
ton street, from Dover street to Boylston street; One track in Boylston  
street, from Washington street to Tremont street; Two tracks in Tremont street,  
from the boundary line between Boston and Roxbury to the Boston  
and Worcester Rail Road Bridge crossing; One track in Tremont  
street, from the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Bridge crossing to  
Boylston street; Two tracks in Tremont street, from Boylston street to a  
point opposite the Granary Burying Ground; <sup>D.</sup> One track in Tremont  
street from the said point opposite the Granary Burying Ground to a  
point in front of Scollay's Building; <sup>F.</sup> One track in Shawmut Ave-  
nue, from the boundary line between Boston and Roxbury to Dover  
street; <sup>E.</sup> One track in Faneuil street from Washington street to  
Tremont street; One track in Waltham street, from Washington  
street to Tremont street; One track in Dover street, from Washington  
street to Tremont street; <sup>C.</sup> One track in Warren street, from Washing-  
ton street to Tremont street; And the stations of the said Metro-  
politan Rail Road Company are to be as follows: One on the corner  
of Concord street and Shawmut Avenue, One on the corner of Trem-  
ont and Northampton streets, One on the west side of Washington  
street, on the corner of Northampton street; One on the east side  
of Washington street, on the corner of Concord street; One on the  
west side of Washington street, on the corner of Canton street; One on  
the corner of Shawmut Avenue and Canton street; One on the corner  
of Dover and Washington streets; One on the corner of Dover street



and Shawmut Avenue; one on the corner of Iowa and Tremont  
Streets. Accepted and the order passed.

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The Committee on Sewers to whom were referred the petitions of Jon<sup>n</sup> Brown and of Isaac Samuels to be paid for damage done to their drain in Orange Street, reported, that the said subject ought to be referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Read and accepted.

Brown.

Samuels.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains to whom was referred a schedule of assessments for construction of a sewer in Silva Street, reported that the same is correct and that a bill had been lodged with the Treasurer for collection. Accepted. Approved by the Mayor, January 16. 1855.

Silva Street

sewer.

Whereas pursuant to Orders of this Board, passed on the eleventh day of Sep. and the second day of October 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Shawmut Avenue, Arnold & Lenox Streets, the cost of which was Twenty three hundred and twenty one dollars and five cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Seventeen hundred and forty dollars <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefited as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, January 16. 1855.

Shawmut

Avenue.

Arnold St.

Lenox St.



227.  
January 15. 1855.

Temple  
Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board passed on the Thirtieth day of October 1854. a Common Sewer has been constructed in Temple Street, the cost of which was One hundred and fifty six dollars and twenty one cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains One hundred and sixteen dollars & 16 cts to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 16. 1855.

Franklin  
Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Sixth day of November 1854. a Common Sewer has been constructed in Franklin Street; the cost of which was Three hundred and seventy six Dollars and nineteen cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred and eighty two dollars  $\frac{14}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 16. 1855.



The Committee on Paving to 25.

whom was referred the petition of W. H. Foster & others in relation to a plank sidewalk on Shawmut Avenue, would respectfully report, that said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands with full power to examine and report if they shall deem the same necessary, as the construction of the same is rightly chargeable to the Public Lands. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Accepted and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence, January 18. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, January 20, 1855.

January 15, 1855.

Foster

Shawmut Avenue

The Committee on Bridges to Albany Street

which was referred the petition of Rankin & Piper and others that a bridge may be constructed over the Railroad at Albany Street, would respectfully report that as there are conflicting opinions respecting the rights of the City, the South Cove Corporation and the Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation, in relation to the matter, that said petition be referred to a special committee to investigate and report the rights of the City in the premises and what action the City should take. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Accepted, and John W. Dunham, Gardin and Grant were appointed said committee.

Bridge

The Committee on Paving having cellar

received the enclosed communication from the Chief of Police concerning unlawful entrances into the sheds, and having been informed by the Superintendent of Streets of the general character of the City, would recommend the passage of the following orders. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners of the estates on Merrimac Street who have cellar doorways not according to law, also the owners of estates

doorways

Merrimac

Commercial

Street

Streets



January 15, 1835.

Vine Street.

Read this.

on Gough Street who have passageways opening into the sidewalk which are contrary to law; also the owners of estates on Cross Street, Commercial Street and Sea Street, who have cellar doorways not according to law, to have the same closed within ten days of the date of this order. If the said openings and cellar doorways are not closed within the period above mentioned the Chief of Police is hereby directed to close the same at the expense of the owners thereof, the same being unlawful and dangerous to public travel. Also that the same action be taken by the Chief of Police in relation to unlawful cellar entrances in South Cedar Street. Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners of estates on Vine Street, whose passageways underneath their houses open into the street, to close the same within ten days of the date of this order, and if not closed up at the expiration of that time, the Chief of Police is hereby directed to close the said openings at the expense of the owners thereof, the same being contrary to the Ordinances of the City and dangerous to public travel. Also that the Chief of Police take like action in relation to unlawful openings in said Vine Street around the windows to several estates, provided such windows are contrary to the City Ordinances. - Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners of those estates on Broad Street, whose cellar doorways are kept open during the whole of the daytime and a great portion of the night time, and the cellars to which they lead to are tenanted, to close the same within ten days from the date of this order. If the said cellar doorways are not closed up at the expiration of the above mentioned time, the Chief of Police is hereby directed to close the same at the expense of the owners thereof, as they are unlawful and dangerous to public travel. Read, accepted and the order is put into effect.



Ordered: That the sum of thirty

ty dollars and fifty nine cents assessed by an order of this Board, January 12 1855.  
upon Francis Doane for his proportion of the cost of constructing the Brooks Street  
common sewer on Brooks Street, &c, and the same is hereby abated Doane  
ed, and the same amount is hereby assessed upon Alvan Rogers

Ordered: That the sum of thirty Love Street

dollars and six cents assessed upon Daniel Simpson for his proportion Simpson  
of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Love Street, &c, and  
the same is hereby postponed until an entry shall have been made  
into the common sewer from his estate.

Ordered: That Aldermen Drew

and Clark with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee address  
tee to take into consideration the various matters treated upon in  
the Mayor's address and report what disposition shall be made  
of the same. Sent down for concurrence Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred  
and Messrs Chipman, Tyler and Stevens were joined. Approved by the  
Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 20. 1855.

Ordered: That His Honor the Belterment

Mayor be and he is hereby directed to petition the Legislature at its Law.  
present session for the passage of a law substantially like the one  
reported to the Legislature of 1846 by a Committee on the Judiciary,  
by which some portion of the expense for laying out and discontin-  
uing highways in the City of Boston may be borne by the abutters  
benefitted thereby. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 18 came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 20. 1855.

Ordered: That the subject of revis- Jury Box

ing the Jury Box be referred to the whole Board with full power to  
select a list of persons qualified to serve as jurors in the Courts in the County  
of Suffolk.

The list of Undertakers nominated

January 15, 1855.

Funeral  
Undertakers

by the Mayor at the last meeting of the Board, was taken from the table and said nominations were confirmed by the Board, as follows, viz:—Cen Tazon, Franklin Smith, John White, John Peak, David Marden, Philip E. Field, Harum Merrill, Constant T. Benson, Richard Gillin, Caleb J. Pratt, James Laynde, Lewis Jones, Charles Houghton, Nahum P. Whitney, Levi L. Whitcomb, John D. Ingersoll, Charles Cook, John W. Pierce, William Cooley, Jeremiah Tinkham, Luther L. Tarbell, William Willcutt, Levi Whitcomb, David Gugenheimer, Job T. Cole.

Evans

Contract  
South Bay  
lands

Ordered: That Aldermen Durham

and Sprague with such as the Common Council may join be a Special Committee with full powers to superintend the work and make the measurements specified in the contract between the City of Boston and William Evans dated the thirtieth day of December last, and to take the necessary measures to cause the same to be done; and also to cause the estimates of work done under the said contract to be made, so as to ascertain the amounts to be paid to the said Evans from time to time as provided in the said contract: and generally to see that the said contract is fully & faithfully carried out in every respect. Sent down for concurrence Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred and Messrs Tarbell, Plummer & Nowell were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 20, 1855.

Camphene

Ordered: That the Committee on

Ordinances take into consideration the expediency of so amending the Ordinance relating to the sale and storage of Camphene as to place the whole matter under the control of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department in the same manner as the sale



and Storage of Fireworks. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>th</sup> 18. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 20. 1855. January 15, 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Public Lands be instructed to give notice to J. L. L. Amee & the Rev John M<sup>c</sup> Elroy that the agreement between the City of Boston Jail Lands and the said J. L. L. Amee and his assigns, dated November 25. 1851. respecting the conveyance of the Jail Lands in Leverett Street, is rescinded and no longer binding upon the said City, by reason of breach, on the part of the said Amee or his assigns, of the conditions therein contained; and that the City no longer hold themselves bound in law to execute and deliver a conveyance of the said premises according to the said agreement. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>th</sup> 18. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 20. 1855.

Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to petition the General Court now in session for the passage of an Act whereby the City of Boston may be authorized to extend North Charles Street in a southerly direction to Charles Street in front of the New Jail. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>th</sup> 18. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>th</sup> 20. 1855. North Charles Street.

Ordered: That there be appointed by the Chairman a Committee on Police to consist of four Aldermen whose duty it shall be to investigate all complaints against Police Officers and hear all charges relating to that Department when requested so to do by the Mayor or upon petition of any party and that they report to this Board. Passed and Aldermen Dunham, Joy, Bowdin & Woodman were appointed said Committee. Police auxiliary Committee.

Ordered: That the Mayor be  
 January 15, 1855, and he is hereby requested to petition the General Court now in  
 Albany Street Session for a law whereby the City of Boston may be authorized to  
 bridge, erect and maintain a bridge over the Canal or Creek in the south-  
 eastern portion of the City for the purpose of extending Albany Street.  
 Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred. Approved by  
 the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 20, 1855.

#### Accounts.

Alderman Woodman reported to  
 the Board that Alderman Dunham had been elected Chairman of  
 the Committee on Accounts.

#### Public Lands

In conformity with the provisions  
 of the Ordinance in relation to Public Lands passed January 12, 1855,  
 which authorizes an increase in the Joint Standing Committee on  
 Public Lands, Alderman Washburn was joined to the Committee her-  
 tofore appointed on the part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence.  
 Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up concurred and Messrs Washburn, Prescott and  
 Deviance were joined.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



At a special meeting of the Board 31

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday  
the eighteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and Aldermen Dunham, Sprague, Courtin, Grew, Wood-  
man, Woodberry and Jay.

A communication from the Mayor Coal Holes  
upon the subject of Coal Holes in the sidewalks and suggesting fur-  
ther legislation to increase their security was referred to the Com-  
mittee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence Jan<sup>y</sup> 25. Came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman Dunham Ice & Snow  
the communication of the City Solicitor respecting Ice and Snow up-  
on the sidewalks was taken from the table and referred to the  
Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Came up  
concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Al-  
dermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the  
Twenty second day of January, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board.

Petition of Charles W. Ayres Ayres  
for leave to construct bow windows in his store in Ferry Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

January 22, 1835 for leave to purchase so much of the house on the corner of  
Winslow Church and Thagelle Streets as is not needed to widen Church  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Gardiner.

Petition of H. I. Gardiner &amp; others

Salutation Street. for the widening of Salutation Street. Referred to the Committee on  
Streets.

Hackett.

Petition of J. C. Hackett and others

Auturn Street. for the extension of Auturn Street to Leverett Street. Referred to  
the Committee on Streets.

Allytic River

Order of notice on petition of the

Rail Road Allytic Turn Rail Road Corporation for extension of line of locat-  
ing said road. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent  
down for concurrence. January 25. Came up concurred.

Nott

Petition of Samuel Nott for change

of conditions in deeds of land at the south section of the City.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concu-  
rence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 25. Came up concurred.

Forristall

Order of notice on petition of Forris-

&amp; Parmelee

tall & Parmelee to the Legislature for removal of tolls upon Charles-  
town Bridges. Referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Engine Co. N<sup>o</sup> 6.Petition of Engine Company N<sup>o</sup> 6.

for a suitable room in which to hold their meetings &c. Referred  
to the Committee on the Fire Department.



Petition of J. S. Potter 16<sup>o</sup> and 33.

of Nathan Sawyer for the contract to do the City Printing. Referred to the Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 25. Came up concurred.

Petition of the Boston & Maine Rail Road Corporation to the Legislature for leave to amend their location and an order of notice thereon. Referred to Aldermen Joy, Sprague and Drew. Boston & Maine Rail Road.

Petition of G. B. Goodrich & others for the establishment of a new Court of Justice in the County of Suffolk. Referred to Aldermen Joy and Cooke with such as the Common Council may join to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 25. Came up concurred and Messrs Burbank, Suler and Mayo were joined. Goodrich New Court.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains reported to the Board in print (City Doc. N<sup>o</sup> 7) that additions are required to their appropriation and assigning the reasons therefor. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence Jan<sup>y</sup> 25. Came up concurred. Appropriations. Sewers.

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances in connection with the City Solicitor be and they hereby are directed to cause a new volume of the City Ordinances to be published which shall contain the Revised Charter and all Ordinances now in force with the various amendments incorporated in their proper places, the expense being to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous claims. Read and laid on the table. Ordinances.

January 22, 1855. covering a statement from the Directors of the House of Industry  
 House of Industry - re: that the Commonwealth is indebted to the City in the sum of Sixty  
 &c vs: State - one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty nine cents for support of sick  
 State Paupers. State Paupers, was read - and thereupon it was Ordered: That His  
 Honor the Mayor petition the General Court now in session for the  
 amount due the City as shown by a communication from William  
 Gull, Esq: Chairman of the Board of Directors of the House of Indus-  
 try. That the Directors of the House of Industry appear before  
 any Committee of the Legislature and press said claim in behalf  
 of the City, and they are hereby authorized to call to their aid and  
 assistance the City Solicitor. Sent down for concurrence, Jan<sup>y</sup> 25 came up  
 concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 27, 1855.

Physician

Port Physician's report of vessels  
 boarded by him for the quarter ending Dec<sup>r</sup> 31, 1854, was read and  
 sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Engineer  
 declines

Communication from Richard S.  
 Martin declining to be a candidate for re-election as an Engineer  
 of the Fire Department was read and sent down. In Common Coun-  
 cil, placed on file.

South  
 Tree Bridge

The Superintendent of the South  
 Tree Bridge reported that during the year 1854, 1295 vessels passed  
 the draw of said bridge. Read and sent down. In Common Coun-  
 cil, placed on file.

North  
 Tree Bridge

The Superintendent of the North Tree  
 Bridge reported, that during the year 1854, 3881 vessels passed the draw of  
 said bridge. Read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.



The Joint Standing Committee 33.

on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Donnelly, asking to be remunerated for a loss by fire, while she was confined in the House of Correction, respectfully report; that they cannot perceive that the petitioner has any claim upon the City, and they therefore recommend that she have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 3. 1855. January 22. 1855.  
Donnelly.

On nomination by the Mayor, George H. Hildburn was appointed a Vice Officer and Chairman for Station # 2. via. March

The Joint Special Committee, who were directed to consider and report what disposition ought to be made of the several topics embraced in the Mayor's Address to the City Council having decided to that they recommend in passage of the following orders. For the Committee, Joseph L. Drew, Chairman. Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to the Public Lands be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Lands: - that so much of said Address as relates to the enlargement of the City Building (so called) be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings: that so much as relates to the Lunatic Hospital be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Institutions at South Boston in conference with the Board of Visitors of the Lunatic Hospital: - that so of said address as relates to the Fire Telegraph be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Alarms: - that so much as relates to Schools be referred to the Joint Standing Committees on Public Instruction and on Public Buildings: - that so much as relates to Taxation be refer-

Mayor  
Hildburn

36. red to the joint Standing Committee on Finance. Sent down  
January 2, 1855. for concurrence Jan 22. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor  
January 27, 1855.

Mayor's

address

Ordered: That so much of the  
Mayor's address as relates to the subject of Quincy Market and  
the Market Ordinances be referred to the Standing Committee  
on the Market:— that so much as relates to the Fire Department  
be referred to the Committee on that subject:— that so much as  
relates to Streets be referred to the Committee on laying out and wid-  
ening Streets:— that the subject of Sanitary precaution against  
infectious disease be referred to the Committee on Internal Health:—  
that the subject of the Burial of the dead be referred to the Com-  
mittee on Cemeteries:— and that so much as relates to the enforce-  
ment of the Liquor Law be referred to the Mayor and the whole  
Board of Aldermen.

General

laws

Ordered: That the Committee on  
Ordinances in consultation with the Committee on Cemeteries on  
the part of the Board of Aldermen consider and report upon the  
expediency of repealing or amending the 44<sup>th</sup> section of the Ordinance  
relating to Public Health, passed Aug. 20, 1850. Sent down for  
concurrence.

Claims.

Suits at law.

Ordered: That the Joint Standing  
Committee on Claims have the charge and superintendence of all  
suits which are or may be pending in the Courts of this State  
or elsewhere in which the City of Boston is interested or a party  
with authority to employ additional counsel whenever in their  
judgement it may be necessary in consultation with the City Solicitor.  
Sent down for concurrence. January 22. Came up concurred. Approved  
by the Mayor January 27, 1855.



Ordered: That Aldermen 37.

Drew and Topliff with such as the Common Council may join to a Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of causing a census of the city of Boston to be taken on the first day of May now next ensuing, and if deemed expedient, to report what measures will be necessary in relation thereto. Sent down for concurrence January 25. Came up concurred and Messrs French, Jarvis and Gove were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 27. 1855. January 22. 1855.  
Census

A certificate from the Common Council stating that that branch had elected Edward Everett, George Ticknor, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, Thomas G. Appleton, John M. Clark, Joseph Story and John P. Bigelow; Trustees of the Public Library, came up for concurrence: and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that the foregoing persons were duly elected in concurrence, with the exception of John P. Bigelow in whose place the Board chose Abbott Lawrence. Sent down for concurrence. Library  
Trustees

Ordered: That all orders of notice on petitions to Legislature be transmitted directly to the appropriate Committees of the City Council, so soon as received by the City Clerk, and that said Committees in connection with the City Solicitor be empowered to represent the City and provide for its best interests before the several Committees of the Legislature charged with the subjects of said petitions. Passed. Sent down for concurrence January 25. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 27. 1855. Orders  
of notice

Petition of John Toomey to be compensated for injuries sustained to his horse and carriage in the Toomey

38. public highway. Referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.  
January 22, 1855.

House of  
Correction.  
appropriation. An application from the Overseers  
of the House of Correction for an addition to the appropriation for  
their department was referred to the Committee on Finance in concur-  
rence.

Loan.  
Evans. The Committee on Finance hav-  
ing duly considered the communication from His Honor the Mayor,  
dated 1<sup>st</sup> instant relating to the funds necessary to carry out the new  
contract with Mr. Evans for filling up the South Bay, and for other  
incidental expenses of improving the Public Lands, respectfully re-  
commend the passage of the inclosed order authorizing a loan for  
the sum of Fifty thousand dollars, for the Committee. George W.  
Chipman, Chairman on part of the Council. Ordered: That the  
Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to borrow, under the direction  
of the Committee on Finance, a sum not exceeding Fifty thou-  
sand dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the ap-  
propriation for Public Lands. In Common Council. Accepted and  
the order passed. Yeas 42. Nays 2. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred. Yeas. Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham,  
Gould, Joy, Sprague, Topley, Washburn, Woodberry and Woodman. 12.  
Nays none. Approved by the Mayor January 23, 1855.

Moore Crosby. Petition from Moore and Crosby that  
the contract for the City Printing may be given to them. Referred to  
the Committee on Printing in concurrence.

Second hand  
articles. Ordered: That the Committee on  
Ordinances consider and report what, if any, amendments should



be made to an Ordinance in relation to dealers in second hand, 39  
articles. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read January 22. 1855  
and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 23. 1855.

Ordered: That all papers re- Police Station  
lating to a Police Station for District N<sup>o</sup> 4. and a Ward room for Ward N<sup>o</sup> 4.  
be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 23. 1855.

Ordered: That all papers con- East Boston  
cerning a new School House at East Boston be taken from the files School House  
and referred to Messrs Porter, Chipman and Hinks with such as  
the other Board may join. Passed in Common Council. Came up for  
concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Woodman and  
Woodberry were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 23. 1855.

The Common Council having Lunatic  
concurred with this Board in the election of a Board of Visitors  
of the Lunatic Hospital with the exception of Alexander H. Rice, George  
W. Chipman, D. M<sup>rs</sup> B. Thaxter, Jr. and Leonard Small, in whose places  
the Council elected George F. Williams, George S. Jones, James N. Sykes &  
Ephraim Buck, said action came up for concurrence: and the bal-  
lots having been taken and counted, it appeared that Geo. S. Jones  
was elected in concurrence, and that Messrs Rice, Thaxter and Small  
were again chosen on the part of this Board, thereby non-concur-  
ring with the Common Council in the election of Messrs Williams,  
Sykes and Buck. Sent down for concurrence.

January 22, 1855. found that they had given opinion to. There a hearing respecting his  
 Farr. discharge from the Police, and they recommended that he have leave to  
 withdraw. Read and accepted.

Albany Street  
 bridge. Comd.

Alderman Cowdin was appointed

Chairman of the Special Committee on the subject of the Albany  
 Street bridge over the Worcester Rail Road, in place of Alderman Dun-  
 ham resigned.

Auctioneers

Agreeably to the nominations of the

Mayor Michael Rooney and William T. Lawrence were appointed  
 auctioneers of this city.

Bay State Lodge.  
 Faneuil  
 Hall.

Agreeably to the report of the Com-

mittee on Faneuil Hall the use of said Hall was granted to the  
 Bay State Lodge of Odd Fellows on the 29<sup>th</sup> instant for a Levee.

Franklin Fund.

The Special Committee appointed to

examine the accounts of William Minot, Treasurer of the Franklin  
 Fund, reported, that they had attended to that duty, that said  
 accounts are correct, and that the state of the Fund at this  
 time is \$64,510.64. Read & accepted.

North Street  
 cellar doors

The Chief of Police reported to the

Board that the order of the 21<sup>st</sup> of December last respecting the closing  
 up of cellardoorways in North Street had been complied with. Read  
 and placed on file.

Camphene

Agreeably to the report of the Chief

Engineer of the Fire Department, a camphene license was grant-  
 ed to M. N. Heavens corner of Eaton and North Russell Streets.



The Committee on Sewers to 41.

whom was referred an appointment for the construction of a Sewer January 22, 1855  
in B. Street from Third to Second Street, reported that the same is B. Street.  
correct and that a bill was lodged with the City Treasurer for col-  
lection. Read accepted. Approved by the Mayor January 23, 1855.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of Worcester  
this Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of Sept. 1854, a Common Street.  
sewer has been constructed in Worcester Street the cost of which was  
Three hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty two cents, one quarter  
part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains  
Two hundred and thirty nine dollars  $\frac{72}{100}$  to be charged to persons bene-  
fitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, That the  
persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted  
as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the  
sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part  
of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certi-  
fied and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid and to their  
lessees. Accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor Janu-  
ary 23, 1855.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of Brattle  
this Board, passed on the fourth day of August 1854, public notice has  
of having first been given, a Common Sewer has been construc-  
ted in Brattle Street, the cost of which was Nine hundred and thirty  
three dollars and twenty nine cents, one quarter part whereof  
being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Six hun-  
dred and ninety nine dollars  $\frac{97}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by  
the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons  
named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as afore-

42. said, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums  
January 22. 1855 therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the  
expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified  
and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.  
Accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>th</sup>. 23. 1855.

City of  
Street. Whereas pursuant to an order of  
this Board, passed on the twenty second day of May 1854, public notice  
thereof having first been given, a common Sewer has been construct-  
ed in Atkinson (now Congress) Street, the cost of which was Four hun-  
dred and ten Dollars and ninety three cents, one quarter part whereof  
being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Three hundred  
and eight dollars  $\frac{19}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-  
ing to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the  
Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and  
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to  
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the  
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice  
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Accep-  
ted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>th</sup>. 23. 1855.

B. Street  
Second St. Whereas pursuant to an Order of this  
Board, passed on the Nineteenth day of June 1854, public notice thereof  
having first been given, a common Sewer has been constructed  
in B. and Second Streets, the cost of which was Six hundred and  
seventy two Dollars and ninety two cents, one quarter part whereof  
being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Five hun-  
dred and four dollars  $\frac{19}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the  
same according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named



in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and 113.  
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their January 22, 1855  
respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer,  
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the  
parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Accepted and the order paid.  
Approved by the Mayor January 23, 1855.

Ordered: That the payment of Miller  
the sum of One hundred eighty nine <sup>2</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars assessed upon the  
Heirs of the late Jabez Hutch Estate for their proportion of the cost of  
constructing the Common Sewer in Cove Street, be, and the same  
is hereby postponed until an entry shall have been made into  
the Common Sewer from said Estate.

Ordered: That the Mayor County %  
be and he is hereby requested to petition the Legislature of this Com: jury fees  
monwealth now in session, praying that certain errors in ac-  
count between the County of Suffolk and the Commonwealth,  
in the matter of Jury Fees, may be corrected, and the amount, if  
any shall appear to be due to this County or City, be allowed and  
paid by the State; and that, to this end, the Petitioner may have a  
hearing before some appropriate Committee. Passed in Common Coun-  
cil. Come up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the  
Mayor January 23, 1855.

A communication was received Overseer  
from the Overseers of the Poor stating that a vacancy exists in of the Treas.  
said Board occasioned by the resignation of Jonathan Pierce of Sch: Committee.  
Ward N<sup>o</sup> 1. and a vote of the School Committee was also re-  
ceived stating that vacancies exist in that body occasioned by the Warrants for  
resignation of Eli Thayer of Ward 1 and the death of Samuel Rick- Ward  
man of Ward 8. Read and placed on file - and thereupon it was meetings

44. Ordered: That Warrants be issued for the meeting of the legal  
January 22, 1855. voters of Ward N<sup>o</sup> 1 on Monday next the twenty ninth instant  
at 12 o'clock M. to give in their ballots for one member of the  
School Committee in place of Eli Thayer, resigned, and for one  
Overseer of the Poor in place of Jonathan Pierce, resigned - both to  
be voted for on one ticket. Also for a meeting of the legal voters of  
Ward N<sup>o</sup> 2 on the same day and at the same time, to give in their  
ballots for one member of the School Committee in place of Samuel  
Parkman, deceased. - The Polls to be kept open until four o'clock, P.M.

main

Cleveland.

On the notice of intention to build  
by Nason and Cleveland on Commercial Street, the Committee  
on Streets reported that no widening is needed on said street  
and that the petition be referred to the Committee on the Fire  
Department. Read and accepted.

Jenney

Petition of J. H. Jenney for a license  
as a Manufacturer of Alcohol. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty ninth day of January. Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dunham and Cooke.

A communication from the Mayor receiving another from the Chief of Police respecting the condition of the streets in South Boston which are caused by the New York Central Rail Road. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Calvin Damon and others that London Street be widened near Pleasant Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of the Bay State Iron Company for abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in First Street; - of Edward L. Gueby for abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in Saratoga Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Samuel Chandler's heirs for abatement of assessment for construction of a sidewalk in Clark Street - for Furell M<sup>rs</sup> Guire for abatement of assessment for construction of a sidewalk in London Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Jacob Ross to be indemnified for damage sustained by change of grade in Church Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Charles Thomas to be indemnified for damage sustained by change of grade

116 in Church Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

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Tate.

Petition of Mark W. Tate and others for the grade of East Canton Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Humphrey

Remonstrance of Benjamin Humphrey against the closing of his cellar doorway at the corner of Cross & Commercial Streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Angell

Petition of Henry Angell for leave to exhibit some live animals near the Fitchburg Rail Road Depot. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

First Baptist  
Church Society

Petition of the First Baptist Church Society that a lamp be placed and lighted at the corner of Somerset Street and Pemberton Square. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Sackett.

Brant.

Petition of Moses Sackett to be appointed keeper of the South Tree Bridge - and of James Brant for appointment as Superintendent of the Mount Washington Avenue Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Richardson

West.

Petition of Richardson and Burrill and 304 others that J. S. Potter & Co. be appointed City Printers - of Benjamin H. West and others that Nathan Sawyer be appointed City Printer. Referred to the Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 1. Came up concurred.

Chipman

Petition of Charles Chipman for an investigation of the facts concerning the contract for the erection of the South Boston School House. Referred to the Committee on Public



Buildings. Sent down for concurrence Feb 1. Came up concurred. 47.

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Petition of J. A. Slack to be paid for Slack  
damage occasioned by the City's cutting off his supply of water. Refer-  
red to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence Feb 1.  
Came up concurred.

Petition of P. H. Williston to be paid: Williston  
for certain services rendered by him as a Special Police Officer. Refer-  
red to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence Feb 1. Came  
up concurred.

Communication of Geo. P. Jewksbury: Jewksbury.  
requesting a site for a wharf for the same for Sea Island. Referred to Sea Island  
the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence Feb 1.  
Came up concurred.

The report of the Superintendent of East Boston  
the East Boston and Chelsea Pier Bridge showing that 27,000 vessels  
passed the draw during the year 1854, was read and sent down. Bridge.  
In Common Council placed on file.

Petition of the Engineers of the Engine N<sup>o</sup> 10.  
Fire Department for a new Engine in place of N<sup>o</sup> 10 at East Boston.  
Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Common Council having Lunatic  
elected Alfred Thaxter Small on the Board of Visitors of the Lunatic Hospital.  
Hospital in concurrence with this Board; and having also elected  
Ephraim Buck in place of Alexander H. Rice chosen by this Board;  
said action came up for concurrence. Read and the action of said  
one member of said Board was laid upon the table.

January 29, 1855. ed John P. Bigelow as a Trustee of the Public Library instead ;  
 Public Abbot Lawrence who was chosen by this branch, said action came  
 Library up for concurrence - and a letter from Mr. Lawrence having been  
 read wherein he declined being a candidate for said office, the  
 Board proceeded to ballot for one Trustee as aforesaid, when it  
 appeared that John P. Bigelow was unanimously elected in con-  
 currence with the Common Council.

Appropriations

A communication from the  
 Auditor stating that additions are required to the appropriations for  
 Primary School Instructors, and for Incidental Expenses was referred  
 to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Spence

Petition of John Spence & Son  
 that certain monies may be refunded to them for compliance with  
 certain conditions in the deed of the city to them as aforesaid.  
 Referred to the Committee on Public Funds in concurrence.

Overseers of  
 the Poor

Ordered: That the Committee on  
 Public Buildings consider the expediency of providing suitable rooms  
 for the Overseers of the Poor in their several Wards. Passed in  
 Common Council came up for concurrence. Read and concurred,  
 Approved by the Mayor January 30, 1855.

Ordinances

new volume

Ordered: That the Committee  
 on Ordinances be and they are hereby authorized and directed to  
 cause a new volume of the City Ordinances to be published which  
 shall contain the revised City Charter and all Ordinances in force  
 at the time of publication, with the various amendments incorpo-  
 rated in their appropriate places; and to employ such aid and assis-



lance as they may deem necessary for that purpose: and the ex- 119.  
pense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Incidental ex- January 29, 1855.  
penses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Common Council  
came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the  
Mayor January 30, 1855.

Ordered: That Messrs Plummer,  
Chipman and Whitman be a Committee: with such as the Board,  
Aldermen may join to consider and report what Salaries shall  
be paid the City and County Officers for the ensuing financial year,  
and that said Committee be authorized to report in kind. Read  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred  
and Aldermen Sprague and Dunham were joined. Approved by the  
Mayor January 30, 1855.

The Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

ing duly considered the application from the Board of Overseers  
of the House of Correction for an increase of appropriation, would re-  
spectfully recommend to the City Council the passage of the inclosed  
order. For the Committee, J. E. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That  
the Auditor of Accounts be authorized to transfer Fifteen thousand  
dollars from the appropriation for a new Grammar School House  
at South Boston, to the appropriation for the House of Correction.  
Passed in Common Council - Yeas 33. Nays 12. Came up for con-  
currence. Read and concurred with this amendment, at A. strike  
out "South" and insert "East." Yeas Aldermen Clark, Drew, Gould, Joy,  
Sprague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodberry and Woodman 9. Nays - none.  
Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 1. Came up concurred. Approved by  
the Mayor Feb. 3, 1855.

Ordered: That the Act of the Legis- Ficmen.  
ature of Massachusetts entitled "an Act to authorize the City of Boston, et to incor

50 to appropriate money for the relief of the families of disabled Firemen.  
January 29. 1855. passed April 27. 1854. be and the same is hereby accepted by the  
City Council. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 1. Came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 3. 1855.

City Council

Whereas it appears that the Joint  
Rules and Orders of the City Council as recently adopted by the City  
Council conflict with the Ordinances of the City Board of Aldermen:  
That the Committee on Public Lands shall consist of four Aldermen  
and eight members of the Common Council. Passed. Sent down for  
concurrence. Feb. 1. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 3. 1855.

Harbor.  
Ice in.

The Committee on the Harbor to whom was  
referred the petition of the Harbor Master, have considered the subject  
and recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee,  
J. L. Drew, Chairman. Ordered: That the Harbor Master under the direc-  
tion of the Harbor Committee be authorized to keep the Harbor free from  
obstruction by Ice and the expense of the same be charged to the appro-  
priation for the Harbor. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down  
for concurrence. Feb. 1. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 3.

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City  
Registrar.

The City Registrar presented his Annual  
Report of the Births, Marriages and Deaths in the City of Boston for the  
year 1854. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Manufacture  
of Liquor.

F. H. Jenney was licensed as a Manu-  
facturer of Alcohol on First Street, South Boston, upon condition of his  
compliance with the Statute of 1852.

City

On petition of Charles W. Ayres for  
leave to construct new windows in Ferry Street the Committee on Paving



reported that it would be injudicious to allow the prayer of the petitioner 51.  
and they recommended he have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. January 29, 1855

On the petition of Hook & Ladder Hook & Ladder  
Company N<sup>o</sup> 2 that the number of their members may be increased, the Company N<sup>o</sup> 2  
Committee on the Fire Department reported the following Order. Ordered:  
That Hook and Ladder Company N<sup>o</sup> 2 located at East Boston be increas-  
ed to the number of twenty. Accepted and the order passed. Approved  
by the Mayor January 30, 1855

The Directors of the East Boston East Boston  
Ferry Company submitted to the Board an account of their acts and Ferry Co<sup>y</sup>  
doings for the year 1854. Read and placed on file.

Alderman Woodman submitted West Street.  
the following order. Ordered: That the order of this Board which  
passed Sep. 18, 1854, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to repave  
West Street with the 'Nicolson Pavement' at a cost not exceeding  
Four hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby rescinded. Read  
and the further consideration of the same was postponed to Monday  
next.

Ordered: That the communica- Rice  
tion of Lewis Rice and others in relation to the collection of House rent. House rent.  
be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee  
on Internal Health.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

12  
A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Fifth day of February, Anno Domini, 1855.

Read.

The Chairman and the whole Board.

Inspector of Buildings. A communication from the Mayor concerning the expediency of appointing an Inspector of Buildings. Read and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred.

Police The Mayor transmitted to the Board the report of the Chief of Police for the month of January. Read & placed on file.

Fire Department The Engineers of the Fire Department submitted to the Board the annual nominations of the Officers of the various Engine, Hydrant, Hook and Ladder Companies. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Emerson Petition of Charles Emerson for acceptance of the Bridge re. constructed by him from Broad Street to the Boston Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Smith & al. Petition of Smith & Tarbell to be paid for filling up a portion of East Concord Street; - of the heirs of William H. Barnard to be paid for damages sustained by change of grade in I. street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Luslie. Petition of Alex. W. Luslie for leave to keep an Intelligence Office. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



Petition of Nathaniel A. Whitte, 53.

more for leave to move a wooden building from Church street to Fuller street - of William Carpenter for leave to move a wooden building from Dover Street to Church Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power. Feb. 5 1855.

Petition of William A. Sanford & others

that a roadway be widened at the corner of Pine Street and Causeway Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Albert Day and others that

the proper measures be taken to pay the Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk a salary instead of fees. Referred to the Committee on County 'recruit'. Day Reg. of Deeds

Petition of David Spearitt and others

for use of Faneuil Hall March 5<sup>th</sup> for a levee. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall. Spearitt.

Petition of John Howe for extension

of time on a Bond of land from the City to him. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred. Howe

Petition of George W. Cram for re-

election as Surveyor General of Lumber. Read and sent down. In Common Council, Placed on file. Cram

Petition of George W. Hackett for re-

muneration for injury from a Fire Alarm wire. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred. Hackett

The Committee on Finance having

duly considered the communications from the Committee on Sewers & Drains of the 13<sup>th</sup> ultimo; and that of the Auditor of Accounts of the 25<sup>th</sup>

Appropriations

54. ask leave respectfully to recommend to the City Council the passage  
Feb. 5 1855 of the enclosed order for transfer of appropriations. For the Committee, J. W. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the Auditor of Accounts be authorized to make the following transfer of existing appropriations, viz: Add to the appropriation for Instructors in Primary Schools, Fifteen hundred dollars by withdrawing the same from the appropriation for Instructors in Grammar Schools: Add to Sewers and Drains, Eighteen hundred dollars, by a transfer from the Reserved Fund: Add to Incidentals, Ten thousand dollars by transfer of that amount from the appropriation for Widening Streets. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 38. Nays 3. —  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Tipliff, Washburn, Woodberry, & Woodman 11. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor February 7. 1855.

Farwell.

Ransom

Petition of J. C. Farwell for the City Printing, of C. R. Ransom and others that Moore and Crosby may have the contract for the City Printing. Referred to the Committee on Printing in concurrence.

Pratt

Petition of Daniel P. Pratt that a suit against him for damages obtained of the City by Matilda Clark for injuries received may be discontinued. In Common Council. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Simmonds

Petition of Augusta C. Simmonds for compensation for personal injuries sustained from a defect in the sidewalk. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Davis

Petition of John A. Davis to be paid for damages to his horse occasioned by a defect in Charles Street.



Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims. Came up 35.  
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

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Petition of Horatio Bigelow and  
others for a reduction in the cost of lands bought by them of the City in  
Chester Square. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

Bigelow

Notice was received from the Com- Fuel  
mon Council that Jedediah P. Bean was added on the part of that Fire Alarms  
branch to the Joint Standing Committees on Fuel and on Fire Alarms.  
Read and placed on file.

Ordered: That the Committee Fire  
on Ordinances enquire into the expediency of amending or repealing Ordinance  
the eleventh section of the Chapter in respect to Fire in the City  
Ordinances. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 7, 1855.

The report of the City Registrar Registrar.  
showing that for the quarter ending January 31<sup>st</sup> he had received &  
paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$812.50. Came up from the Com-  
mon Council. Read and placed on file.

An invitation from the Trustees Library  
of the Public Library requesting the City Council to visit the Libra-  
ry on Wednesday next at 3 1/2 o'clock P.M. Came up from the Com-  
mon Council. Read and accepted.

The Common Council having Fire Dept.  
elected Elisha Smith Jr. Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, said Chief  
action came up for concurrence and the matter having been taken & Engineer  
counted it appeared that Elisha Smith, Jr. was duly elected in concur-  
rence.

The Common Council having elected

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Assistant  
Engineers.

James Quinn, George W. Bird, Nathaniel W. Pratt, Charles S. Clark, Bailey T. Mills, Frederic A. Colburn, Joseph Dunbar, George S. Thom and William A. Green. Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department said action came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared that the foregoing persons were duly elected in concurrence, with the exception of William A. Green, in whose stead this Board elected Timothy Gerrish. Sent down for concurrence.

Parker.

Previous to the foregoing election, a

Dunton.

petition of John Brooks Parker and others that an Assistant Engineer may be located at the West End; of Charles E. Dunton and other officers of the Fire Department that David C. Meloon may be chosen an engineer, were read and sent down. In Common Council. Laid on file.

Supt: Streets

Agreeably to assignment the Board proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Streets and the ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared that Alfred T. Turner was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred.

Supt: of  
Health.

Agreeably to assignment the Board proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Health, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Joseph Colburn was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred.

Samuels

The Committee on Internal Health to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Samuels to be paid for damage to his drain in Chicago. Had reported a response of said subject to the Committee on Claims. Read and accepted. Sent



down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred. Approved by the 57.  
Mayor Feb. 10. 1855.

Feb. 2. 1855.

The Committee on Internal Health  
to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Brown, to be paid, for Brown.  
damage sustained by alteration of a drain in Orange Street, report  
ed a reference of said subject to the Committee on Claims. Read  
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1855.

In conformity with the report of Camphene  
the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, a Camphene license was  
granted to Messrs Dorr, Proctor & Co. No. 2 Commerce Street.

The Hayweigher at the Northern Hayweigher.  
Scales reported that he had received during the quarter ending Jan<sup>ry</sup> 30.  
the sum of \$857.<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> - fifty per cent - of which he had paid into the City  
Treasury. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The City Clerk reported that he City Clerk.  
had received during the quarter ending January 30. the sum of \$335.58,  
which had been paid into the City Treasury. Read and sent down.  
In Common Council. Placed on file.

The Superintendent of the Market Market  
reported to the Board that he had received during the quarter ending  
Jan<sup>ry</sup> 30. the sum of \$11939.40 - all of which he had paid to the City  
Treasurer. Read and placed on file.

The Surveyor General of Lumber Lumber  
reported to the Board that he had received as his fees for surveying  
Lumber during the last twelve months the sum of \$2191.77.

On petition of Edward L. Hueby

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city.

for abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in Saratoga.  
That the Committee on Streets reported that the petitioners have been  
to withdraw. Accepted.

Common-  
notices for

Ordered: That the Chief of Police

be and he hereby is directed to post notices at the several entrances  
to the common of the following purport - "Dangerous passing persons  
using this way do not bear own part and that the expense thereof  
be charged to Incidental Expenses. Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 6. 1855.

Charlestown  
annexation.

Ordered: That Aldermen Drew and

Sprague with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee  
with full power to take such measures in reference to the annexation of  
Charlestown to Boston as to them may seem most expedient. Sent down  
for concurrence. Feb. 8. came up concurred, and Messrs Jones, Washburn  
and Mayo were joined. Approved by the Mayor, February 10. 1855.

House  
Offal

Ordered: That the Committee

on Internal Health be and they are hereby authorized to enquire &  
report whether or not House Offal can be properly removed at less  
expense to the City than under the present contract.

Assistants  
number employed.

Ordered: That the Committee on

Salaries be requested to examine and report if any reduction can be  
made in the force employed in any of the Departments of the Govern-  
ment with advantage to the City. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8.  
came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1855.



Ordered: That the Joint Com. 59.  
mittee on the Assessors' Department attend with the City Solicitor or Feb. 5. 1855  
other counsel before any Committee of the Legislature to protect the Taxation.  
rights and interest of the City in relation to changing the time of tax-  
ation. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 8. Came up concurred. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1855.

Agreeably to the report of the Com. Angell.  
mittee on Licenses there was granted to Henry Angell to exhibit and  
live animals near the Fitchburg Rail Road Station.

Petition of Benjamin Jones for a Jones.  
license to water some of the streets of Boston. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Internal Health.

The Directors of the Peoples Ferry Co. Peoples'  
submitted to the Board a statement of their receipts and expenditures, Ferry Company.  
their acts and doings for six months ending Dec. 31. 1854. Read and placed  
on file.

Ordered: That Abraham Gurnham Fence Viewers &c.  
and Gould be a committee to nominate to the Board suitable persons  
for the offices of Fence Viewers, holders of Hoops and Hurts &c. Field  
Drivers, Inspectors of Lime &c.

The order offered January 29<sup>th</sup> the West Street.  
further consideration of which was specially assigned for this day, which  
ascended the order of Sept. 12. 1854, authorizing the Superintendent of  
Streets to repair West Street with the "Nicolson Pavement," was adopted.

The Joint Standing Committee on Deeds for land  
Public Lands to whom was referred the order from the last City on Chester  
Council concerning the conditions of the deeds conveying lots of land on Square.

60. Chester Square, reported (as on file) an order establishing a form of  
Feb. 5 1855 situation of said condition. Repd. sent down for concurrence. See Feb. 12  
page 79. and Feb. 19. page 88.)

Sidewalks

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor  
be requested to petition the General Court of Massachusetts now in session,  
for the extension of the provisions of the act of 1799, in relation to con-  
structing sidewalks, so as to make them applicable to such streets as  
the City of Boston shall cover with good gravel as a substitute for  
pavement, and pave the gutters thereof.

Spence.

The Joint Standing Commit-  
tee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of John Spence  
& Son, asking to be refunded the 20 per cent discount for having erect-  
ed houses upon lots Nos five and six Union Park, have duly consid-  
ered the same, and would recommend the adoption of the fol-  
lowing order. For the Committee, Sam<sup>l</sup> Topliff, chairman. Ordered:  
That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to endorse upon Bonds  
Nos 890. and 891. the sum of Six hundred and twenty four dollars and  
twenty cents the same being the twenty p. ct. to which the owners  
of said property are entitled, for having erected dwelling houses  
on lots five and six Union Park. Read, accepted and the order  
passed. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor Feb. 19. 1855.

Vinton

The Joint Standing Commit-  
tee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Vin-  
ton to be compensated for injuries sustained by a defect in Har-  
rison Avenue, respectfully report, that, upon examination of  
the facts, it does not appear to the Committee that the petitioner  
has a valid claim against the City, and they recommend  
that he have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr.



Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 7. 8<sup>th</sup> 61.

Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 10. 1855.

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The Joint Standing Committee Little.

on claims to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Little, wife of John Little, who was held at a pie in Commercial Court, for pecuniary assistance, respectfully report, that the petitioner does not appear to have any valid claim against the City and recommend that she have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee Briggs

on claims, to whom was referred the petition of David Briggs, to be compensated for the expenses of a law suit, brought against him as a Field Driver of the City, respectfully report, that the lawsuit in question appears to have been decided against the petitioner, from some informality in his own doings, for which he was held personally liable, and that it does not appear that any liability or legal claim exists against the City. They therefore recommend, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 10. 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee Whitwell.

on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Whitwell, trustee, to be paid for an encumbrance on an estate purchased by him of the City, respectfully report, that in their opinion the petitioner has no valid claim against the City, and recommend that he have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 8. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1855.

February 5 1855. Ice & Snow. Claims, to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor, enclosing a letter from the City Solicitor, in relation to ice and snow upon the sidewalks, respectfully report, that, upon conferring with the City Solicitor, they find that the ordinance upon the subject is sufficiently long and comprehensive. But, in consideration of the liability of the City for injuries sustained in consequence of a slippery condition of the sidewalks, as shown in the late case which was decided against the City by a jury, the Committee would recommend that the ordinance upon the subject, ~~now~~ and ice is strictly enforced by the officers whose duty it is to attend to it. For the Committee, J. Dunkham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. And when for concurrence. It is so concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1855.

Pawnbrokers.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred the communication of His Honor the Mayor concerning the statement of John H. Osborn, have considered the same and would report, that, in the opinion of the Committee some action of the General Court is necessary on the subject of the petition and would recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, A. K. P. Joy. Ordered: That the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to regulate the business of Pawnbrokers and Dealers in Second hand articles. Accepted and the order passed.

Goodrich.

New Court.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles B. Goodrich and others, Attorneys at Law in this City, praying the City Council to petition the Legislature, at its present session, to establish a Court for the County of Suffolk, to take the place of the Court of Common Pleas in said County, have duly considered the same and find that there are delays incident to the present plan of



organization of our courts in this county, always expensive, often vexatious, 63  
and sometimes ruinous to the party seeking right and justice, no tolerably well informed man will deny. February 5 1855  
If instead of it a plan can be devised, which, while it shall secure an equally fair and impartial, shall at the same time also provide a more convenient, prompt, intelligent and efficient administration of justice, no one, we may presume, will object to it. That some such plan is practicable, your committee have entertained no doubt. What that plan should be, has seemed to them the only really difficult question. Accordingly, to satisfy themselves in this regard, they notified, met and heard some of the petitioners & others, and they have besides, been at some pains to ascertain the views of those best informed on the subject, whether petitioners or not; and as the result of their labors they present herewith a bill designed, and as your committee believe, well calculated to secure the purpose so much and so generally desired. The bill provides for the establishment of a court to take the place of the Court of Common Pleas in this county, with a somewhat larger jurisdiction than that court now has. There is now, as is generally known, great delay in the trial and determination of causes in the Supreme Court in this county; doubtless, necessarily so. Many of these causes are removed there, on the affidavit of the defendant, from the Court of Common Pleas; and not unfrequently, as the experience of every day shows, simply for the purpose of delay. It is now the right of the defendant, at any time during the first term, to remove the causes in which the damages demanded on property claimed shall exceed in amount or value the sum of Six hundred dollars. It is proposed to take away this right, except in those cases where the damages demanded, or the property claimed, exceeds in amount or value Two thousand dollars. At the same time,

64 it seems but just that the right of the defendant to select the high-  
February 5. 1855 a tribunal should be co-extensive with that of the plaintiff; and  
that, consequently, where the plaintiff, having such right, has selected the  
inferior tribunal, the defendant may, nevertheless, select the higher, and  
thereby remove his action; and therefore it is proposed that the plaintiff,  
instead of having the right of bringing his action in the Supreme Court, as  
now provided, in certain cases, upon affidavit that the amount sought to  
be recovered by him exceeds Six hundred dollars, shall have that right  
in such cases only upon affidavit that the amount sought to be re-  
covered by him actually exceeds Two thousand dollars. This will greatly  
reduce the nominal trial list in the Supreme Court - the disposal of which,  
even where there never is a trial, always occupies considerable time - and  
also materially reduce the actual trial list; leaving still to be tried,  
there, chiefly actions in which the title to real estate is concerned, and  
actions involving large amounts - causes of the gravest character and  
in the greatest magnitude. This it is believed, will be sufficient to oc-  
cupy "as much" of the time of that Court as can well be devoted to  
jury trials consistently with a due disposal of business. So far as re-  
lates to the organization or jurisdiction of the Municipal Court, no  
change is asked or suggested by the petitioners, and but a slight change  
is proposed in the bill herewith submitted. It is proposed that the jus-  
tices of the new Court shall be the justices also of that Court, in place of  
the justices of the Court of Common Pleas, holding the respective terms  
alternately, or as may be convenient and desirable. It is proposed that  
there be appointed for this new Court, and the Municipal Court, four  
justices, one of whom shall be the Chief Justice. From inquiries made  
by your Committee and their own personal knowledge, they believe four  
will be required. The business of the Municipal Court is arduous  
and constant. No single justice can endure the labor of it; and as



it is also proposed that there may be two sessions of the new Court at 65.  
the same time, there may be and probably will be, three of the justices sitting  
occupied in holding Court at one time. Then there will necessarily be  
much business to be done at chambers; and besides, justices, like other people,  
are, of course, subject to illness, and with less than four, the business  
might sometimes be interrupted, and seriously so. The matter of the  
salaries of the justices, it is proposed to leave to be determined by the  
City Council, when the Court shall have been established, as your Com-  
mittee believe it well may be. It is eminently desirable that the Court  
should be of a high character, and that salaries, for the justices, should  
be established, adequate to command the best talent which the profes-  
sion affords. Six terms a year of the new Court are proposed, instead of  
four, as now provided in respect of the Court of Common Pleas. This  
change, we believe, will tend to facilitate the collection of debts, and the dispos-  
al of suits, and at the same time be less onerous and inconvenient to per-  
sons required to attend as jurors. It is proposed that there be one clerk of the  
new Court, and one assistant clerk. Of course the relieving of the Su-  
preme Court of its concurrent jurisdiction of that large class of cases  
above spoken of, and imposing the same exclusively upon the new Court,  
as proposed, would render the amount of business to be done by the  
latter greater than that of the Court of Common Pleas in this Coun-  
ty now is. But, in the judgement of your Committee, under the proposed  
arrangement, and with the number of justices proposed, the causes  
might, notwithstanding, be determined with less delay than now.  
The trial list might be prepared at the suggestion of parties, by the  
clerk, or, if desirable, by a judge at chambers. The Court might be  
continued in session as much of the year as convenient and neces-  
sary for the disposal of all the causes upon the docket; and if  
need be, causes might be assigned or two dockets made up, as con =

66. venient, and two courts, as proposed, held at the same time. Your Com-  
February 5, 1855. mittee see no difficulty in this where the parties agree, and judges  
have engagements in no other county than this. Much business which  
now occupies a large share of the time of the court during each  
term, to the interruption of jury trials, might be done at chambers;  
and more satisfactorily and readily, and with less inconvenience  
to the parties than now. If it be asked why may not all this be done  
under the present organization, and by the present justices of the  
court of Common Pleas, your committee reply, there might, undoubtedly,  
under the present plan, be some improvement made in some of these  
respects, but not in most; since under this plan the justices are taken,  
properly enough, mostly from the country, and continue to live in the  
country. Their duties call them to all parts of the State; one is in Berk-  
shire, another at Barnstable, a third at Essex, and a fourth, and perhaps  
a fifth, at Boston at the same time. They seldom meet. They have few  
or no conferences, and, as a consequence, they have different modes,  
if not widely different rules, in the same class of cases. Not always  
do they apply the law on the same question in the same kind of  
different terms, or perhaps at the same term. They deal with the  
same case, or a like one, differently; and this results from the nature  
of the present organization. The fact is no reproach to the present justice;  
it is an inevitable consequence of the plan. Cases are modified by  
circumstances; it is not often that the same thing exists in the same  
relations in different places in the country, for instance, and in Bos-  
ton. A stranger does not know, or if he does know is not likely duly  
to appreciate these differences - these modifications - these new and  
different relations. It is impossible not to believe that justices appoint-  
ed from among us, and continuing to dwell among us, and deal-  
ing with causes growing, for the most part, out of transactions here,



will be likely to deal with such causes more intelligently and readily. 67.

been those who come here from the country periodically or occasionally. February 2 1850

Then there is the advantage of association, of conference and consultation, already spoken of (now impracticable), by which time is saved, and the great benefit of concurrence, of certainty, of uniformity, of the same law, and the same rule in the same class of cases are se-

cured. It is difficult not to see that hereby there would be fewer cases sent back to be tried over again - for misdirection of the judge of the Court below; and not merely to the proposed Court would this great advantage of consultation thereby be secured, but also to the Municipal Court.

If it is objected that the measure proposed results in two plans - one for this County and a different one for the rest of the Commonwealth - it may be asked, if this results necessarily? why not?

The answer is, if so, it is the result of circumstances, of position. But whether or not it so results necessarily, we do not undertake to decide.

Content with securing a plan which we believe desirable and much needed for this County, we should not object to any plan for the rest of the Commonwealth which the people, in their respective localities, shall deem best for them. And the Committee would further report

that it is expedient for the City Council to petition the General Court for the establishment of a Court substantially in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying order. All which is respectfully sub-

mitted. A. K. O. Joy, Benj. F. Cooke, Charles Mayo, Committee. Ordered, that

, with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to forthwith petition the Legislature, in behalf of the City Council, to enact the accompanying bill, or one with substantially like provisions, with full powers to take such action as they deem expedient to present their petition to the General Court,

68. and procure the passage of a bill. Laid on the table and ordered February 5, 1855. to be printed. (See page 118.)

Hackney  
Carriage  
Fares

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Rail Road Coach Company and others for increase of coach fares, have considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, A. K. P. Joy, Chairman. Ordered:—That on and after the first day of March next the rates of fare to be taken by or paid to the owner, driver, or other person having charge of any hackney carriage (except omnibuses) shall be as follows; that is to say, For carrying one or more adult passengers from one place to another within the city proper, thirty cents each, except between the hours of 11 o'clock, P.M. and 5 o'clock A.M. when the rate of fare shall be fifty cents each. For the conveyance of one or more adult passengers to or from East Boston or South Boston, fifty cents. For children between four and twelve years of age, one half of the above sum; and for children under four years of age, when accompanied by an adult, no charge is to be made. Ordered;—That all regulations prescribing the rates of fare for conveyance of passengers in hackney carriages, inconsistent with the foregoing regulations are hereby repealed. Ordered:—That every owner or proprietor of each and every hackney carriage to which the foregoing rates apply, shall cause a card, of a size not less than 5 x 6 inches, to be placed in a conspicuous position inside of each carriage, on which the foregoing rates shall be printed. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Public Buildings

Reports

The Superintendent of Public Buildings presented his annual report of the doings of his office for the year 1854. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.



Alderman Cooke offered the  
following resolution: Resolved: That in the opinion of this Board Feb. 5 1855.  
it is the duty of the City Council to give all the subordinate officers  
of pecuniary emolument with their <sup>As</sup> salaries with us in order to  
ment and who are give us a hearty cooperation in efforts to  
administer the affairs of the government with economy and fidelity.  
Laid on the table.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of  
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the  
Seventh day of February, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and whole Board, except Alderman Clark.

Whereas it appears to this Board Waltham  
that a nuisance is occasioned by standing water on lots of land  
between Washington and Waltham Streets, Union Park, Shawmut  
Avenue, owned by Paul D. Wallis, David A. Simmons, Wm. Sprague,

70. Hiram Johnson, J. D. Williams, George Bates, Isaac D. Farnsworth,  
February 7, 1855 and Elbridge G. Dudley - and whereas said parties, though duly  
notified, have neglected to abate the same - therefore Ordered: That  
the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to abate  
said nuisance by filling up said lots with coarse gravel or earth  
or draining the same; at the expense of the said several parties.

Metropolitan  
Rail Road.

Agreeably to assignment the Board  
look up the subject of the Metropolitan Rail Road, and it appearing  
to the Board that the Act in addition to the Act to incorporate the Metropolitan  
Rail Road company, had been accepted by the City of Roxbury - and  
that the order of notice of January 15<sup>th</sup> last had been duly published  
in the said evening Guardian, the Daily Messenger and the Essex  
County Journal - the following named abuttees appeared and remon-  
strated against the said location - Charles Sprague - Moses Clark -  
George Foster, Harrington Street, of Boston, Esq. and Henry  
Joseph B. Fell for himself and 35 other real estate owners in Warren  
Street - Joshua Bennell for himself on Washington Street - William  
Brigham, Esq. for himself and Hathorn's Line of Omnibuses (Washing-  
ton Street) - It appearing to the Board that the several parties were not  
fully prepared to enter upon the case, it was ordered by the  
Board that the abuttees who object to any portion of the proposed loca-  
tion should be heard first and that Wednesday next at four o'clock,  
P.M. be assigned as the time for resuming the consideration of this  
subject.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twelfth day of February, Anno Domini, 1855

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

A communication from the Mayor respecting the expediency of constructing a Drawbridge across the Gut at Deer Island, was read and referred to the committee on Bridges.

A communication from the Mayor recommending a more rigid inspection of cargoes of Coal, was read and referred to the Committee on Fuel. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred.

The nomination by the Mayor of Jacob C. Phelps as a Funeral Undertaker was confirmed by the Board.

A communication from the Mayor suggesting the expediency of employing the inmates of the House of Correction on the Public Works and Streets, was read and thereupon, it was ordered, that His Honor the Mayor petition the Legislature now in session, in behalf of the City for the passage of an Act whereby the Directors of the House of Correction and State House may take persons sentenced for short periods from said Institutions and employ the same on any of the Public Works and Streets. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 19. 1855.

A communication from the Mayor concerning a bill now before the Legislature respecting intra-mural Burials which will affect greatly the interests of

72 the City, was read and referred to the Committee on Cemeteries.  
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Needham

The Mayor presented to the Board a Deed of a parcel of land in Needham on the line of the Water works, to John W. Shaw and Henry L. Stone, and requested their approval of the same, read and thereupon it was ordered, that the Mayor be requested to sign said deed.

Overseers  
of the Poor.

A communication from the Overseers of the Poor stating that the appropriation for their use is insufficient, was referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Appropriations

A communication from the Auditor stating that the appropriations for Stamps and Watch and Police are exhausted and stating the reasons therefor was referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Batson

Petition of Batson and Deacon for removal of the Omnibus Stand in front of their premises. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Green

Petition of George Green H<sup>o</sup> for leave to exhibit a Panorama at Amory Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Humphrey

Petition of Benjamin Humphrey & others to be heard respecting the closing of their cellar doorways in Commercial Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Wells

Petition of Lydia and Eliza Wells for abatement of assessment for construction of a sidewalk in Salem Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.



Petition of Levi L. Whitcomb 73.  
to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Meridian Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. February 12, 1855.  
Whitcomb.

Petition of James Gosgrove to be  
paid for damages sustained by the widening of North Street near  
Third Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Gosgrove.

Petition of Rufus L. Brackett to be  
re-instated as a member of the Watch and Police. Referred to the Com- Brackett.  
mittee on Police.

Petition of William L. Baker & Co.  
for the rescission of the order respecting the removal of the Oyster stands Baker.  
near Faneuil Hall Market. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Communication of Massachusetts  
Hospital Life Insurance Company respecting loss of houses in Tyne Street  
damaged by gas leaking from a street lamp. Referred to the Committee  
on Lamps. Mass. Hos. Life Insurance Co.

Petition of the Boston Lying-in Hos- Boston Lying-in  
pital for abatement of a portion for construction of a sewer through  
land bought by them of the City. Referred to the Committee on Public  
Works. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 15. Came up concurred. Hospital.

Petition of Rev. E. M. P. Wells that Wells  
certain water taxes assessed upon "St. Stephens House", may be refunded &c.  
Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence.  
Feb. 15. Came up concurred.

January 12, 1855. for action for injuries sustained by him while in the employ of the City.

Phelps. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15 came up concurred.

Fire Department officers. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on the Fire Department the confirmation of the officers appointed to each Engine, Hydrant and Hook & Ladder Companies was made by the Board with the exception of Bailey J. Mills, Foreman of No. 12, who has recently been appointed an Assistant Engineer.

Camphene. Agreeably to the approval of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Camphene Licenses were granted to Milo Furbush No. 113 Federal Street and to Reuben Grant 16 Pleasant Street.

Public Land Commissioners. The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the Public Lands, have attended to that duty and instructed the Chairman to report an order for the abolishment of the Ordinance establishing a Board of Commissioners "for the care and management of the Public Lands;" but doubts having arisen as to whether a simple order was sufficient for that purpose, the Chairman was advised to submit the question to the City Solicitor, he said which is the accompanying ordinance, drawn by that official officer, as the only legal and proper way of effecting the object in view. For the Committee, Saml. Toppliff, Chairman. Read and laid upon the table.

Chandler's heirs. On petition of Samuel Chandler's heirs. Ordered: That the amount of Thirteen <sup>44</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars assessed against the estate of Samuel Chandler's heirs for edgestones furnished in front



of their estate on Clark Street, for the reasons set forth in their petition be and the same hereby is abated. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14, February 12, 1855.

On petition of Parker and Hall and others, that Washington Street below Essex Street be re-numbered. The Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Leave was granted to Alexander W. Haslie to keep an Intelligence Office at No. 92 Sudbury Street.

On petition of Smith and Tarbell for paid for putting up a partition wall Concord that the Committee on Paving report a reference of said subject to the Committee on Public Lands. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 19, 1855.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be authorized to defer the payment of the amounts assessed against Nathan Bonant, A. A. Rigoll and James Clark for constructing sidewalks on Andover Street until the said street shall have been paved or macadamized. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14, 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee on Bells and Clocks be directed to cause the Bells to be rung and a National Salute fired at Sunrise, Meridian and Sunset on the 22<sup>d</sup> instant, in honor of the Birthday of General George Washington, the Father of our Country; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 19, 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee

February 12, 1855, on Ordinances be requested to report an Ordinance to regulate the use of the coal holes which have been and shall be constructed, so as to make them secure to public travel. said ordinance to contain stringent regulations in relation to having proper safeguards around the openings into the sidewalk when in use, and suitable rough cast coverings to the same. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 19, 1855.

Harbor fees

Ordered: That the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature now in session for an Act establishing Harbor Fees. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 19, 1855.

House of  
Correction  
at  
the Ward.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board take early measures to carry out the order passed the City Council Nov. 27, 1854, in relation to siting a building of the Court House at the Ward for a House of Correction. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14, 1855.

Gain

Ordered: That the sum of Seventeen dollars and thirty six cents assessed upon Thomas Gain for estate No. 87. Second Street for his proportion of the cost of constructing the Common Sewer in Second and B. Streets, be, and the same is hereby abided, and the same amount is hereby assessed upon Charles & Hugh Goughan as owners of said estate. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14, 1855.

Lunatic

On motion of Alderman Dunham

Hospital.

the subject of the election of a member of the Board of Visitors of the Boston Lunatic Hospital was taken from the table and the



ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Alexander 77  
or St. Rice was elected. Sent down for concurrence.

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Agreeably to assignment the Surveyor  
Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Surveyor General of Lum- General  
ber and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that  
George W. Gram was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up  
concurred.

Petition of William Canfield to be Canfield.  
paid for damages sustained by him on Chelsea Street Oct. 8, 1854. Referred  
in Common Council to the Committee on Finance. Came up for con-  
currence. Read and nonconcurred, and referred to the Committee  
on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 15. Came up concurred.

The Common Council having Fire  
elected David Chamberlin as an Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department  
Department, in place of Timothy Gerrish elected by this Board, said Engineer  
action came up for concurrence - and petitions of Wyatt Richards &  
others, of William Kendall and others and John Hoppin & others  
in favor of the election of an Engineer from District No. 2 - having  
been read - and also petitions of Thomas A. May and others, Edward  
W. Milliken and others - of Perkins Engine Company No. 2. Engine Co. No. 5.  
Howard Engine Co. No. 7. Hydrant Co. No. 1. Hydrant Co. No. 2. Old North En-  
gine Co. No. 10. and Hydrant Co. No. 6 - all in favor of the election of  
David C. Meloon as Assistant Engineer - the ballots were taken and  
counted, when it appeared that David C. Meloon was chosen on the  
part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That five members of this Board with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a Committee to make suitable arrangements to celebrate the approaching Anniversary of American Independence and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims; that the expense of the same shall not exceed the sum of <sup>4</sup>seven thousand dollars, and that no part of the appropriation shall be expended for ardent spirits and Messrs Mayo, Porter, Brainard, Hatch and Pond were appointed said Committee on the part of this Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table. (See page 236.)

Auditor

The report of the City Auditor, showing the receipts at his office for the two quarters ending January 31 1855, came up from the Common Council. Read and placed on file.

Streets

Ordered: That the Committee on

Ordinance

Ordinances consider the expediency of so amending the Twelfth Section of the Ordinance on Public Works as to give greater facility to City Officers in executing the provisions and intentions of the Ordinances. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14. 1855.

City Officers  
contract with

An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance relating to contracts with City Officers having been referred in Common Council to the Committee on Ordinances, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Ordered: That the Mayor & 79.

Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to restrain the sale by February 12, 1855.  
Minors of fancy goods, wares or merchandize in accordance with Minors  
the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed  
on the eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty, entitled, "An Act concerning Minors' Sales."  
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred. Approved by the Mayor February 14, 1855.

The Common Council having re-ster  
recommended the report and order offered in this branch by the Com- squire  
mittee on Public Lands Feb 5<sup>th</sup> last, respecting the forms of deeds for  
lands on State farms said action came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

On motion of Alderman Joy, City s. Alder  
Document N<sup>o</sup> 12. being the report and order of the Joint Special Com- New Court.  
mittee, to whom was referred the petition of L. B. Goodrich and others for  
the establishment of a New County Court, were taken from the table,  
and after a discussion upon the merits of the proposal, the order (as  
recorded on page 67.) was adopted and the Chairman, Alderman Joy  
and Cooke were appointed said Committee on the part of this Board.  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Cooke Hackney  
Doc. N<sup>o</sup> 13. being the report of the Committee on Licenses which rec- hackney  
ommends a change in the fares assigned to Hackney Carriage drivers.  
and a petition of Warren Starch and others having been read ad  
verse to any change in the existing rates, on motion of Alderman  
Clark the subject was again laid upon the table.

Alderman Dunham called up

February 15, 1855. from the table the matter offered by Alderman Cooke February 5<sup>th</sup> last  
 Council concurred in principle, regarding the duty of the City Council in  
 election of the election of all officers of the City. Alderman Joy moved to amend  
 and said resolve by striking out at A. the words "concur with us  
 in sentiment" and inserting "will best promote the public interest"  
 which motion was not sustained. Said resolve having been then  
 amended by striking out at B. the words "this Board" and by  
 inserting the words "the City Council" and by striking out at C.  
 the word "Council" and inserting the word "Government" was reject-  
 ed by the following vote. - Yeas, Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Gould,  
 Washburn and Woodman 5. - Nays, Aldermen Clark, Drew, Dunham,  
 Joy, Sprague, Topliff and Woodberry - 7.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
 of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Fourteenth  
 day of February, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Clark.



Agreeably to assignment the Board, 8<sup>th</sup>  
resumed the consideration of the subject of the location of the Metro February 14, 1855.  
within the city and a number of petitions  
were read and voted against the location in Washington Street, in  
between Dover and Boylston Streets and in Boylston Street; of N. B.  
Doygett and others against the location in Tremont Street, and the  
petition of George B. Rogers and others in favor of the location in  
Washington Street, were presented and filed. After hearing a por-  
tion of the abutters as represented by William Brigham, Esq. and  
Mr. Joseph B. Kent, the further consideration of the subject was  
postponed to Wednesday next at 10 o'clock, A.M.

The Committee on Bridges to whom Deer Island  
was referred the communication of His Honor the Mayor in rela-  
tion to a Bridge from Point Shirley to Deer Island beg leave to Report:  
The Committee without considering the feasibility of the plan, or wish-  
ing to express any opinion with regard to the necessity of the bridge,  
have decided that no objections exist to applying to the Legislature  
for an Act to construct a bridge as suggested by the Mayor, they there-  
fore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Com-  
mittee, J. Dunham, Jr. Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor petition the  
State Legislature now in session in behalf of the city of Boston for the  
passage of an Act to authorize the City of Boston to construct and main-  
tain a Bridge from Point Shirley to Deer Island. Read, accepted and  
the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up non-  
concerned

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-

men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the nineteenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Sea Street

Bridge

A communication from the Mayor

respecting the widening of Sea Street Bridge was read and referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Hann

Petition of Silas B. Hann and others for the extension of Paris Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Foster.

Petition of William H. Foster & others for a gate to the common sewer in Chester Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Wright

Petition of James Wright and others

Wright that

that the name of Spring Street may be changed to Spring Street

Wright

of William A. Wright and others that the name of Spring Street may

Wright that

be changed to South Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving

Hunnewell

Communication of John L. Hunnewell

concerning the sidewalks on Haver Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Wyeth

Petition of Abram S. Wyeth & others

that certain streets be lighted with Gas at the southeastern section of the City, viz: Rochester, Oswego and others. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Jones

Petition of William Jones for leave to

water certain streets of the City. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.



Petition of James Damon for leave  
to purchase a certain portion of land belonging to the City in Court Street February 14, 1885  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down  
for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred.

Petition of the Broadway Rail  
Road Company for approval of their Charter: referred to Alder-  
men Dunham and Topliff with such as the Common Council  
may join to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Came  
up concurred March 1. and Messrs Hull, Fuler and Prince were joined.

Petition of the Visitors of the  
Boston Lunatic Hospital to be provided with a suitable room for  
meetings, &c. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent  
down for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred.

Petition of Ann Smith to be in-  
demnified for personal injuries sustained in Endicott Street. Refer-  
red to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. March 1.  
Came up concurred.

Agreeably to the recommendation  
of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, a camphene license  
was granted to James M. Michell, N<sup>o</sup> 4, Boylston Street.

The Common Council having  
recommitted the report and order of the Joint Special Committee  
on the subject of the establishment of a new Court in the County of  
Suffolk, for informality in a portion of said report, said action came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

6.  
Dec 14/1888. Fire Dept.  
Engineer.

The Common Council having elected David Chamberlain as an Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, thereby non-concurring with this Board in the choice of David C. Meloon, said action came up for concurrence, and petitions of Moses French and others - of Leroy Sunderland and others - of George Odiorne and others - of H. Willard and others - of C. Coolidge and others - of Clark and Brown and others - of Ross Thurner and others, of John G. Wetmorell and others - of N. P. Spinney and others - in favor of appointment of David Chamberlain - and of John White and others that Charles Carter receive said appointment, having been read - the ballots were taken and counted for an Assistant Engineer, when it appeared that David Chamberlain was elected in concurrence.

Appropriation.

A communication from the Auditor stating that additions are needed for the appropriation on Public Buildings was referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

11th,  
Registrar.

The Common Council having N. A. Apollonio City Registrar for the year ensuing, said action came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Nicholas A. Apollonio was elected in concurrence.

11th.

Petition of Samuel Curtis for leave to purchase a gore of land between his estate on Washington Street, and the Engine House, near Dover Street. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Lands. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Minutes of the City Council 85.

A report of the committee on the petition of the Board of Public Works, presented by him of the City. In Common Council. Referred to the Committee on Public Funds. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

February 19, 1855.

Common

Ordered: That the City and County Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to prepare under the direction of the Committee on the Treasury Department, a catalogue of Delinquent Tax payers with the amount due from each, and said Committee is hereby authorized to cause said catalogue to be published. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor. February 21, 1855.

Tax payers  
delinquent.

The Common Council having elected Ephraim Buck a Visiter of the Boston Lunatic Hospital, thereby non-concurring with this Board in the election of Alexander H. Rice, said action came up for concurrence, and a communication having been read from Mr. Rice declining to be considered a candidate for election on said Board, the ballots were taken & counted, when it appeared that George F. Williams was elected said Visiter, thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the choice of Ephraim Buck made by that branch. Sent down for concurrence.

Lunatic  
Hospital.

Petitions of Abiel Sylvester and of Miss Ellengill severally for appointment as Superintendents of the East Boston Bridges were read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Sylvester  
Ellengill.

The ballots having been taken & counted for a Superintendent of the East Boston and Chelsea Bridge,

East Boston  
Bridge.

86 it appeared that David M. R. Dow was elected. Sent down for concurrence. February 19, 1855. March 1. Came up concurred.

North Free

Bridge

The ballots having been taken and counted for a superintendent of the North Free Bridge, it appeared that Samuel Jenkins was elected. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred.

South Free

Bridge.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of the South Free Bridge, it appeared that ~~Samuel Jenkins~~ was elected. Sent down for concurrence.

Public

Land.

On motion of Alderman Dunham the Ordinance in relation to the Public Lands was taken from the table and after a short discussion thereon was again laid upon the table.

Joqui

On petition of Maria R. Joqui to be paid for land taken to widen Greenough Lane, the Committee on Streets reported that according to their information the City has not taken any land belonging to the petitioner and that therefore she should have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Hackney

On motion of Alderman Joy the report of the committee on Licenses respecting Hackney Carriage fares was taken from the table and recommended to the Committee on Licenses.

Nott.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Nott respecting certain lots of land purchased by him of the City, have duly considered the same, and after the following report. That Samuel Nott purchased of the City, October 30<sup>th</sup> 1850. seven lots of land on



Northampton Street at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  cents per foot; the Bonds were executed & 27.

the first instalment of ten per cent, amounting to Six hundred and February 19, 1855.  
seventy seven dollars and seventy four cents paid January 1, 1851.

shortly after he became unfortunate in business and lost all of his property, thereby preventing him from making any more payments; consequently the land was forfeited according to the conditions, and possession taken by the City, July 10, 1853, he therefore prays the City to allow the payments made on said Bonds to go towards the purchase of one of the Lots, and grant him the privilege of paying the balance which may be due thereon and take a deed of the same at the same time he further states that if required to pay its present value, and that should be more than the former price he would readily do so; your Committee in view of all the circumstances would recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders. For the Committee, Samuel Topliff, Chairman. Ordered: That Samuel Nott be granted the privilege of purchasing one of the seven lots of land on Northampton Street, for sixty one and a half cents per foot, under the same restrictions as expressed in former agreement of sale, with the following addition which is also to be inserted; A dwelling house shall be erected and completed to the satisfaction of the Mayor or of some person by him appointed, within two years from January 1<sup>st</sup> 1853, and in case of failure to erect and complete then the land together with all moneys paid thereon shall be declared forfeited; but if erected and completed within one year from date, then twenty per cent of the purchase money shall be refunded. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to cancel the Bonds given by Samuel Nott, numbering 683. to 689. inclusive, and apply the amounts paid on the same as cash received at the time of settlement with Mr. Nott, provided the same is done on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1855. Read, &c.

88. cepted and the orders passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 1.  
February 19. 1855. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 3. 1855.

Gardner. On petition of Henry Gardner owner  
New York of land at South Street area which the Boston and New York Central  
Central Rail Road company have located and constructed their said Rail  
Rail Road Road, praying this Board to estimate the damages sustained by him  
from said location and construction of said Railroad, it is hereby  
Ordered: That the said New York Central Rail Road company be notified  
to appear before this Board on Monday the fifth day of March next  
at four o'clock, P.M. at which time this Board will proceed to estimate  
the damages as prayed for by said petitioner and will also take such  
other measures in the premises as are by the laws of this Commonwealth  
provided in such cases.

Bigelow The Joint Standing Committee on  
Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Horatio Bigelow  
and others, purchasers of land on Chester Square and Chester Street  
asking of the city to make them such deduction from the cost of  
the lands and offer them such other reasonable advantages as  
will enable them or others to build upon the same, have fully  
considered the subject, and would offer the following Report:  
That the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee,  
Samuel Topliff, chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
March 1. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 3. 1855.

Chester The Joint Standing Committee on  
Street & Square. Public Lands to whom was recommitted the order as presented  
by them Feb<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> respecting the conditions of deeds given by the  
city conveying the lots of land on Chester Street, Chester Square



and in other streets at the South part of the City, have duly consid- 89.  
ered the subject and would recommend the adoption of the accom- February 19, 1855.  
panying order and deed of release as amended. For the Commit-  
tee, Samuel Topliff, Chairman. Ordered: That in all cases where  
a deed of land sold and conveyed by the City of Boston to any  
person or persons has contained conditions regarding the distance at  
which the buildings to be erected on such land should be set  
back from the line of the street or square, the placing of any  
building upon said land having a curved or rounded front or  
other projecting part thereof nearer to the line of such street or  
square than the distance prescribed for the line of the building, shall  
not be deemed a breach of such condition or a forfeiture  
of said land, - provided however that some part of the outside line  
of the front wall of such building is parallel with and set back  
the required distance from the line of the street or square upon  
which the same may be situated; and the Mayor is hereby au-  
thorized to execute and deliver a general deed of disclaimer and  
release of all the right or claim which the City of Boston may have  
in and to any of said lots of land or against the owners thereof  
by reason of such breach of any of said conditions. Accepted and  
the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up  
concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1855.

The Committee to whom was Winslow-  
referred the petition of Amasa W. Winslow to have the portion of the estate N<sup>o</sup> 40, south west corner of Church Street  
is not to be included in the proposed widening of Church Street, have  
examined the premises and Report: That in their opinion it is for the  
interest of the City to sell said estate, also the estate opposite N<sup>o</sup> 41,

40 and the Committee recommend the accompanying order. For the February 19, 1855. Committee, C. T. Woodman. Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening streets be and are duly directed to select a portion so much of the estates belonging to the City of Boston (Nos 40 and 41) on the corners of Church and Fayette Streets as are not wanted for the proposed widening of Church Street; also all the buildings thereon. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1855.

Fence Viewers. The Special Committee to whom was assigned the duty of nominating suitable persons for the offices of Fence Viewers, having attended to that duty recommend the appointment of the following persons. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Fence Viewers. William P. Houston, Martin H. Croft. Cullers of Dry Fish. Nehemiah P. Mann, Moses Miller. Cullers of Hops and Staves. Lewis Beck, Mark A. Nason. Assay Master. Samuel J. Guild. Field Drivers & Pound Keepers. Samuel Hinson, Aaron C. Pond, Walter W. Homer. Inspectors of Lime. Isaac Jones, James A. Collins. Accepted, and the foregoing officers were duly appointed. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred.

Sup. Hospital. The Committee on Lamps to whom was referred the communication of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company respecting two houses damaged by Gas leaking from a street lamp pipe, reported, that it does not appear from said communication that the City or its agents have been guilty of any neglect or carelessness and that therefore no action is necessary thereon. Read and accepted.

Green Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses leave was granted to George Green & Company



to exhibit a Panorama of the American Revolution at Amory Hall.

41.  
February 14. 1835

On petition of James Cosgrove to be paid for damages sustained by the widening of North Street near Fleet Street, the Committee on Streets reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Cosgrove.

On notice of William J. Niles' intention to build on School Street, the Committee on Streets reported, that no action is required thereon provided the said Niles does not extend his building to the proposed widening on School Street. Accepted.

Niles.

School Street.

On the notice of intention to build by Thomas Capen's heirs on Hanover Street, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is necessary in respect to said widening, and that so much thereof as relates to Coal Holes be referred to the Committee on Paving. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

Capen

Hanover Street.

A precept from the House of Representatives now in session authorizing the Aldermen to issue warrants for the election of a Representative to the General Court in place of George Cannon, deceased, was read and laid upon the table.

Representative

Ordered: That no person under the age of twenty one years shall go about selling or exposing to sale in the City of Boston any fruit or provisions whatever, live animals, tools, agricultural implements, fuel, newspapers, books or pamphlets, agricultural products of the United States, or products of his own labor or any labor of his own family, without license from the Mayor and Aldermen in accordance with an Act of the

Minor

minor

92. Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed April 16, 1846, entitled "An Act concerning Hawkers and Pedlers". Ordered: That no minor shall be licensed except upon the application of his parent, guardian or next friend. Ordered: That no minor shall be licensed (except by a special ruling of this Board, and if he shall have attended school at least three months in the twelve months next preceding, in the manner provided for in an Act passed 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1836, entitled "An Act for the better instruction of children in manufacturing corporations". Ordered: That all licenses shall specify the articles to be sold, and the time and place of selling them. Ordered: That any violation of the laws of the State, the ordinances of the City, or of any special conditions inserted in the certificate of license, shall operate as a forfeiture of said license - the same to be annulled on proof to this Board. Ordered: That all licenses granted to minors for the sale of any fruits or provisions whatever, live animals, brooms, agricultural implements, fuel, newspapers, books or pamphlets, agricultural products of the United States, the products of his own labor or any labor of his own family, for which licenses are by law required to be granted by this Board shall be granted upon the following terms and conditions, which shall be inserted in the certificate, with such other conditions and regulations as this Board may deem expedient, viz: - 1<sup>st</sup> That each minor licensed by the Board of Aldermen shall at all times, when on his stand wear a leather badge upon his hat or cap with the word "Licensed" in brass and polished letters, (of not less than one inch in size) fastened thereon. 2<sup>d</sup> That no minor so licensed shall sell any articles for which he may be licensed at any other time, or in any other place, than that mentioned in his license. 3<sup>d</sup> That minors so licensed shall not during the hours mentioned in their licenses, con-



gregate together, make any loud noise or in any other way disturb  
or annoy people in this city. 4<sup>th</sup> That all licenses granted shall  
be for a definite period, and all licenses which are not for a short  
or period shall terminate at the expiration of the municipal year,  
on the first day of January in each successive year, and all licen-  
censes which are not expressed for a shorter period, shall extend to  
the close of the municipal year. 5<sup>th</sup> That the violation of the laws  
of the State the ordinances of the City or the terms and condi-  
tions herein prescribed or which may hereafter be prescribed, shall  
operate as a forfeiture of this license, to be annulled upon proof of  
the same to this Board. 6<sup>th</sup> That each minor so licensed shall  
carry his license with him and present the same to any officer  
of the City for inspection, when required so to do, and the same  
shall not be transferred, exchanged, borrowed or lent on pain of  
forfeiture thereof.

Ordered: That the Committee on External Affairs in connection with the Director of the State  
of Industry &c. be, and they are hereby directed to confer with the  
Legislative Committee on Claims, and to obtain, if possible, the  
allowance of the claim of the City of Boston upon the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, for the care of State Paupers ill with  
Ship fever during the last three years.

The Committee to whom was  
referred an order respecting a passageway in rear of Worcester  
Square, passed by the Board of Public Land Commissioners Oct  
10 1854. having visited the premises and examined the subject,  
report that it should be referred to the Committee on Public Lands  
and they recommend its reference to that Committee. Charles J.  
Woodman, Chairman of Committee on Streets. Read, accepted and

State Paupers

Worcester  
Square

94. referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up  
February 19. 1855. concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 3. 1855

Warren. The undersigned, a majority of the  
Whitney. Committee on Water on the part of this Board, to whom was refer-  
Brookline Land. red the petition of John C. Warren and others against the execution  
of the deed of a piece of land in Brookline, in the vicinity of  
the Reservoir, there sold by the Locustate Water Board to Aaron  
Whitney of said Brookline ask leave to submit the following report:  
The Committee having given due notice to the petitioners met  
the parties, heard their proofs and arguments and carefully considered  
and examined the subject fully, and find no valid reason why  
the deed of said land to the purchaser should not be executed by the  
city. They therefore propose the adoption of the following order. Thom-  
as Sprague. Charles Woodberry. Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor  
be authorized to execute the deed of the piece of land in Brook-  
line, sold by the Locustate Water Board to Aaron Whitney of said  
Brookline. The question being upon the acceptance of said re-  
port, Alderman Tophill a minority of said Committee presented  
to the Board a minority report to which was appended the follow-  
ing order. Ordered: That the sale to Aaron Whitney on the  
24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1854 of a lot of land in Brookline, near the  
Reservoir, is disapproved of by this Board, for the reasons set  
forth in the petition of J. C. Warren and others, and for other con-  
siderations therewith presented, and the Mayor is hereby directed  
to withhold his signature to the deed of said land, provided how-  
ever, that if said petitioners, or any number of them, shall within  
days enter into an agreement with the Water Board to  
indemnify said Whitney for all expenses he may have incurred,



and award such damage as he may be fairly entitled to - 95.  
and further if said petitioners shall agree to purchase said  
lot of land and the three adjoining lots on such conditions and  
restrictions as the Water Board may prescribe, the question of in-  
dignity and damage to be determined by three disinterested per-  
sons to be appointed by the Water Board; otherwise the Mayor be  
authorized to execute the deed to said Whitney. - Alderman Topliff  
moved to substitute the minority report and order for the majority  
report - and the yeas and nays being required thereon they were  
taken as follows - Yeas Aldermen Cowdin and Topliff 2. - Nays,  
Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Joy Sprague, Wash-  
burn, Woodberry and Woodman - 10. - So said motion did not pre-  
vail: - And thereupon the majority report and order were adopted.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Twenty  
first day of February, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Agreeably to assignment the con-

February 21, 1855. sideration of the location of the Metropolitan Railroad was resumed by the Board, and remonstrances of Holmes Hinckley and others against said location, also of Lyman White and others against any location in Tremont Street, were read and placed on file. J. S. Harlow, Esq., in behalf of the remonstrants introduced some testimony to support their view of the case, after which, by consent of both parties in interest, the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the fourth day of April next at ten o'clock, A.M.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty sixth day of February, Anno Domini, 1855

Present.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Reinhard

Petition of J. F. Reinhard for leave to water certain streets of the City. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Marshall

Communication from Thomas Marshall concerning a dangerous wall on Charter Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Farrell

Petition of Patrick Farrell and others for abatement of a nuisance at corner of Everett and Cot-



tage Streets. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. 97.

February 26, 1855.

Notice of intention by Frederick Jones and others to erect a Stable on West Canton Street: was referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Henry Willard for license for the Howard Atheneum. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of A. D. Puffer for removal of a Wagon stand opposite his premises. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of John Welles to be paid for land taken from him in Beverly Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Denis and Roberts for leave to move a wooden building from houseway to Canal Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving, with full power.

Petition of John Gray & others that Canton Street be accepted and paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Joseph Tobey for the grade of Silver Street of Edward Jenkins for compensation for change of grade in Wall Street of S. S. Goddard that G. Street be opened and graded from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Street: referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Geo. W. Richardson for leave to move a wooden building from Broadway to Dorchester line. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

February 16, 1855.

for use of Council Hall. March 1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> for a meeting of the friends of Seamen's Reform. Referred to the committee on Council Hall.

March.

Petition of Finch, Reid &amp; Co

and others that Batterymarch Street may be re-numbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Taxes and  
abatement

A communication was received

from the Board of Assessors transmitting a list of abatements of taxes for 1854-55 also a list of farms, copartnerships and corporations taxed on six thousand dollars and upwards: read and laid on the table, and eight hundred copies of the latter document were ordered to be printed.

Lamp license

According to the recommendation

of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, a lamp license was granted to Edward N. Dingley.

Harbor.

Petition of George W. Jewkesbury, Har-

buck in

bor Master, for power to remove a sunken wreck from the Harbor. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor with full power. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1855.

Farwell

Petition of J. E. Farwell and others

Printing contract

that a special committee may be appointed to investigate the facts concerning the recent award of the printing contract to Moore Crosby. Read and referred to Aldermen Joy and Drew with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up concurred and Messrs Farwell, Burbank & Merrill were joined.



Petition of B. W. Duncklee No. 99.

that their bill for articles furnished Primary Schools may be paid. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. March. Duncklee No. 99. Came up concurred.

Communication from the Adj. Armories

Adjutant General of the Commonwealth stating that the Command relinquished in Ohio had disbanded Companies 3, 4, and 5 of the 4th Regiment of Artillery, and Company C of the Third Battalion of Light Infantry, and that the Armories of said companies are no longer needed by the State, was read and placed on file.

On petition of John C. Pratt Pratt.

and others that Hanson Street be re-numbered, the Committee on Hanson Street. Paving reported that said measure is inexpedient at the present time. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving to whom Torristall

was referred the order of notice of the Legislature on petition of Torristall and Kirmica for reduction of tolls on Charleston Bridges, reported that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

On petition of William I. Perry & Perry

others that the name of Lehigh Street be changed to South Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition of Jacob Boos to be Boos

indemnified for damage sustained by change of grade in Church Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Streets to whom Wingate

was referred the petition of William H. Wingate and others that Lehigh Street

100 Street be extended to Sea Street, reported, that this is a subject for  
February 26 1855. action by the Committee on Paving &c. and they recommend its refer-  
ence to that Committee. Accepted and referred accordingly.

Thomas

On petition of Charles Thomas to be  
indemnified for damage sustained by the change of grade in  
Church Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw.  
Read and accepted.

W. Burnard

On petition of the Heirs of William  
W. Burnard to be paid for damages sustained by change of grade in I  
Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Wells.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer  
be and he hereby is directed to abate the assessment of ten dollars and  
seventy one cents against the estate of Lydia Wells in Salem Street  
and the assessment of seven dollars and fourteen cents against  
the estate of Eliza Wells in Salem Street, both for edgestone furnished  
said estates, on account of inability to pay. Approved by the Mayor,  
February 28. 1855.

Leavitt

Faneuil Hall. Agreeably to the report of the Com-  
mittee on Faneuil Hall, the use of Faneuil Hall was granted to Da-  
vid Leavitt and others for March 5<sup>th</sup> next.

Brackett.

The Committee on Police and Watch  
to whom was referred the petition of Augustus Brackett, stating that he  
had been discharged from the Police and wishing to be heard in  
relation thereto, beg leave to Report: That there were no charges pre-  
sented against Mr. Brackett he having been dismissed from the Police  
by the order of the Mayor, and as the Mayor has the charge of the Police



and Watch, your Committee are not aware that they have any power 101.  
or control in such dismissals. They therefore recommend that Mr. Rogers February 26 1855  
C. Brackett have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr.  
Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving to Capen.  
which was referred the petition of Thomas Capens heirs for leave to Capen's heirs  
construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Hanover Street, would  
respectfully report that after due deliberation and taking into consid-  
eration the late verdict of the Supreme Judicial Court awarding heavy  
damages for injury sustained by a person falling into a coal hole op-  
ening, they are opposed to granting any more permits to use any  
portion of the street for arches or coal holes. The privileges which have  
heretofore been granted for the use of the streets for coal holes and  
cellar purposes, are extraordinary ones, and should not be grant-  
ed if they are liable to bring actions for damages, and the Com-  
mittee therefore report leave to withdraw on the petition of Thom-  
as Capen's heirs. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Read and laid  
on the table. (See page 209.)

Ordered: That there be paid to Clafflin.  
Thomas J. Clafflin the sum of Fifty dollars for damages occasioned  
by change of grade of Fifth Street, upon his paying his title to said  
estate to the satisfaction of the said Recorder and upon his giving  
to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs  
and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and  
that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor Feb<sup>y</sup> 28, 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee Horse power  
on Ordinances consider the expediency of making a new Ordinance railroad  
regulating the various Horse power Railroads also of providing for

102. the laying down of Water pipes, common sewers and drains & other  
February 20. 1855. excavations and for the repairs of the same under or contiguous to  
said Rail Roads, and if practicable to limit the time for building or  
making the same. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came up  
concerned. Approved by the Mayor, March 3. 1855.

Moore Hensley

The Committee on Printing reported

Printing.

fully: that they have contracted with Messrs. Hensley  
to do the printing for the several departments of the City Government  
for one year from March 1<sup>st</sup> 1855 for the Committee, John M. Clark,  
Chairman. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Passed on  
file.

Water Works

Ordered: That the Joint Standing

and rates.

Committee on Water consider and report what action, if any, is ne-  
cessary to be taken with a view to a more economical man-  
agement of the Water Works - also whether any action by the Legislature  
is necessary to enable the City Council to provide a more equitable  
and just mode of assessing the taxes necessary to pay the interest on  
the State Debt and ultimately the principal. Sent down for concu-  
rence. March 1<sup>st</sup> Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1855.

Appropriation.

The Committee on Finance meeting

July considered the communication of the Auditor of the 15<sup>th</sup>  
instant, and City Document No. 17. respectfully recommend to the  
City Council the passage of the enclosed order. For the Committee, J.  
C. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That an addition of Three thousand  
dollars be made to the appropriation for Public Buildings by withdraw-  
ing fifteen hundred dollars from Old Claims - and a like sum from  
Military Bounty. Passed - Yeas. Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Cowdin, Drew,



Gould, Sprague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodbury, Woodman. 10. Nay none 103.  
Sent down for concurrence. March 1<sup>st</sup> Came up concurred. Yeas 36. Nays February 26, 1855.  
none. Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1855.

On petition of James Johnson and others. Joy Street  
Ordered: That so much of the street running from Belknap  
Beacon Street to Cambridge Street as is now called and known by the  
name of Belknap Street shall hereafter be known and called by the  
name of Joy Street, so that the whole of said street between Bea-  
con and Cambridge Streets shall hereafter be known and called  
Joy Street.

The Committee on Paving on Scott.  
the petition of Charles Scott and others in relation to the surface wa- Bradford Street.  
ter of Bradford Street, would respectfully report, that Bradford Street  
has not been accepted by the City, and therefore the removing of  
the surface water is a duty of the abutters thereon. The Committee  
would recommend that Bradford Street be accepted, and the  
gutters paved, provided that the owners of the estates abutting thereon  
give a bond to the City that they will not require any damages  
for any change of grade which shall be necessary to remove the  
surface water, and agree to close all unlawful openings into said  
street. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Accepted. Approved by the  
Mayor, February 28, 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee Bridges  
on Ordinances consider the expediency of altering the Ordinance in  
relation to Bridges so as to make the assistants to the Superintendents  
subject to the approval of the Committee on Bridges - also to report  
any new Ordinances which they may deem proper in relation to Bridges.  
Sent down for concurrence. March 1<sup>st</sup> Came up concurred. Approved by  
the Mayor, March 3, 1855.

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Rankin.

to whom was referred the petition of J. Rankin, to be paid for damages occasioned by the cutting off his supply of water, respectfully report, that the subject matter of the petition comes more properly under the cognizance of the committee on Water. They therefore recommend, that the petition be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Water. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Chairman. Accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence March 1. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 3<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Rankin

The Special Committee to whom

Piper.

Huang and  
bridge.

was referred the report of last year with the petition of Rankin & Piper and others for a bridge over the Boston and Worcester Rail Road track where it crosses Huang and have examined and considered the subject and respectfully report: That by the provisions of the 13<sup>th</sup> section of the act incorporating the South Cove Corporation, the streets adopted by said company were laid down on a plan which was deposited with the Mayor and Aldermen, a part only of said sheets have been accepted by the City, your Committee think it is important to have those streets unaccepted examined with a view of accepting the same, and it may be necessary to accept the whole of said streets before the bridge can be built, they therefore recommend that the whole subject of streets and bridges be referred to the committee on laying out and widening streets. For the Committee, Robert Cowdin, Chairman. Read and recommitted to the Committee reporting the same.

City Physician  
Ordinance.

Ordered: That the Committee on

Ordinances consider the expediency of altering the Ordinance in relation to City Physician so as to make a division of the duties with a view of having a Physician in each Police District separate from



the duties of the jail and other general duties which now exist 105.  
in the present Ordinance. Sent down for concurrence. March 1. Came  
up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1855.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, PM

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the 12th  
day of March, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,  
The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Gould.

A communication from the Mayor Watch  
calling the attention of the City Council to the Ordinance passed  
last year providing for the union of the Watch and Police Depart- Police

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March 5, 1855. ments (being City Document 24 of that year) and recommending the passage of an Ordinance providing for that union, was read and referred to the Committee on Ordinances. And taken for concurrence. March 8. Came up concurred.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, David M. R. Dow was appointed a Special Police Officer for the East Boston and Chelsea Bridge.

Witch

Petition of Welch and Gont for use of the Public Garden for ten days from the first of July next for a Circus Exhibition. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Tolles

Petition of Horace B. Tolles for leave to exhibit an Anatomical Museum. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Terhorst.

Brewster.

Warren.

Petition of Gerhard Terhorst that Byron Street between Pope and Coolidge Streets may be graded. of William Brewster and others that the gutters may be paved in Everett Street and between said street and Village Street to the City Hall. of George B. Warren & others that Washington Street from Ward to Hinde Street be paved with the "Nicolson pavement".— Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Wheeler

Whittier

Petition of Foster and Taylor and others that Custom House Street may be re-numbered. of John P. Whittier and others that Merrimac Street be re-numbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Marsh

Smith

Wanam

Petition of Wood Smith for the elevation of the sidewalk on the south side of West Street. of W. C. Hobbs and others that the bridge over the Worcester Rail Road on Harrison Avenue may be widened. of Josiah Perham for leave to set



a lamp post in the sidewalk in front of the Melodeon. Referred to  
the Committee on Paving.

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Petition of Foster and Taylor and Foster  
others for a common sewer in Custom House Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of John Kelly, and of  
Daniel Preen for leave to water certain streets of the city. Referred to the  
Committee on Internal Health.

Remonstrance of Edward D. Piers  
and others against the proposed erection of a stable on Canton Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Edward Healey to be  
paid for a boat stolen from him while on duty as a jurymen. Refer-  
red to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. March 8<sup>th</sup>  
came up concurred

Petition of Charles A. Perkins to leave  
to purchase a piece of land at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on  
Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. March 8, came up concurred.

Communication of John M. Dearborn  
respecting a new kind of Scaffolding, and asking leave to exhibit the  
same in this city. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent  
down for concurrence. March 8. Came up concurred.

Agreeably to the recommendation of  
the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, a camphene license was grant-  
ed to George W. Learnard 189, & 191. Cambridge Street.

The Auditor of Accounts submitted to the City Council the annual estimate of the appropriations necessary for the Financial Year 1855-56 which were referred in Common Council to the Committee on Finance with such as this Board may join, with authority to report in print. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Topliff, Woodman and Cooke were joined.

Gardner. New York Central Railroad Company appeared by its counsel, J. W. Bates, Esq. and objected to the assessment of damages for location of their road over land of Henry Gardner, on the ground that said land is claimed by Cyrus Alger to whom damages have already been awarded by the Board; after hearing said Company and Sidney Bartlett, Jr. Esq. who appeared for Mr. Gardner, the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

Brackett Bill of Rufus C. Brackett for compensation for service on the Police. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

South The Common Council having decided Abner J. Gaffield as Superintendent of the South Sea Bridge in place of Moses Peltingill elected by this branch, said action came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Abner J. Gaffield was elected in concurrence.

Foster. Petition of William H. Foster for further time in which to comply with terms of purchase of lot 1 & 2 of Chester Square. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.



having duly considered the communication from the Council of the City of the 7<sup>th</sup> ult. and those from the Auditor of Accounts and the Committee on Finance of the 8<sup>th</sup> of ult. would respectfully recommend to the Council the passage of the enclosed order authorizing the transfer of certain appropriations. For the Committee, H. C. Smith Chairman. Ordered: That the Auditor be authorized to make the following transfers of appropriations—viz: add to Farms—Twenty thousand dollars, by transfer of Eleven thousand from Gas Works and Nine thousand from Unliquidated Claims; add to Hatch & Rice—Twenty nine thousand dollars by transfer of Fifteen thousand from Water Works, Ten thousand from Widening Streets, Two thousand from Public Lands, and Two thousand from Militia Bounty;—add to Overseers of the Poor, Ten thousand dollars, by transfer of that amount from Widening Streets. Passed in Common Council, Yeas 38. Nays 0. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, Yeas, Aldermen Clark, Cook, Cowden, Drew, Farnham, Fox, Sprague, Tappin, Washburn, Woodberry, and Woodman—11. Nays—none. Approved by the Mayor March 7. 1855.

The Common Council having elected Ephraim Buck as a Visitor of the Boston Lunatic Hospital in place of George F. Williams chosen by this branch, said action came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole number was 11. Necessary for a choice of Ephraim Buck had 5. George F. Thompson 2. Charles H. Morse 1. No choice—The ballots having again been taken and counted it appeared that Ephraim Buck was elected in concurrence. Previous to the foregoing election a letter was read from George F. Williams declining to be a candidate for said office.

Lunatic  
Hospital

Ordered: That the Treasurer be

March 3, 1855. and a warrant is authorized to date the sum of thirty one dollars and twenty three cents assessed against the estate of Mary Smith for constructing a sidewalk in front of said estate in Maverick Street, in consequence of said Mary Smith's inability to pay. Approved by the Mayor March 6, 1855.

Water Board  
report

Alderman Sprague presented to the Board the report of the Abolition Water Board, being City Document 17, which was accepted. Sent down for concurrence. March 8. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 10, 1855.

Davis

On petition of Austin Davis for leave to exhibit some Elks at the corner of Washington and Common Streets, the Committee on Licenses reported that leave be given provided the petitioner shall keep the sidewalk clear of obstruction at his own expense. Accepted.

Brown  
Faneuil Hall.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Faneuil Hall, the use of the Hall was granted to W. L. Brown for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March instant for meetings of friends of Seamen's reform.

Taxes on  
personal property.

Ordered: That the Committee on the Superior Department in conjunction with the City Recorder be authorized to compromise, adjust or settle any or all of the suits now pending against the City to recover taxes on Personal property in conformity with the recent decision of the Supreme Judicial Court, in the case of Lee vs. Boston. Sent down for concurrence. March 8<sup>th</sup> Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 10, 1855.



Ordered: That one thousand 111.

copies of the orders passed February 19, 1855, to restrain the sale by minors of fancy goods, wares or merchandize in accordance with the provisions of the Statute, be printed for the use of the City. Approved by the Mayor, March 6, 1855.

The Chief of Police presented to the Board the report of the doings of his office for the month of February. Read and placed on file.

On petition of J. P. & D. A. Palmer for leave to erect a stable on Trumbull Street, the Committee on Internal Health reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

On petition of French, Wells & Co. and others that Batterymarch Street be re-numbered, the Committee on Paving reported that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have Batterymarch Street re-numbered. Accepted. Approved by the Mayor, March 6, 1855.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses - Warren M. Baker, Mary Stowell, Lovina A. Wing, & Hannah B. Emerson were licensed to keep Intelligence Offices on the usual conditions.

Whereas C. K. Kirby has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on the estate of J. G. Russell on Congress Street in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore Resolved That due notice be given to the said C. K. Kirby and J. G. Russell that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the

12. land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the  
March 5, 1855. same as a public street - and that Monday, the Twelfth day of  
March current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hear-  
ing any objections which may be made thereto.

Howard  
Atheneum

Leave was granted to Henry Willard  
to open the Howard Atheneum for Dramatic Exhibitions on the usu-  
al terms.

Stevens  
pavement.

Ordered: That the committee on  
Paving be instructed to examine a new Iron Pavement invented  
by Mr. George Milton and owned in part by Mr. N. Hunt of this  
city, and report as to the practicability of paving the whole or a  
part of Washington street or any other street or streets with the same.

Farwell.  
Printing contract

Ordered: That two members of the  
Board of Aldermen with such as the Common Council may join  
be added to the joint Special Committee appointed to consider &  
report upon the subject of the petition of J. C. Farwell & others  
respecting the award of the Printing Contract. Passed, and Aldermen  
Woodman and Washburn were appointed on the part of this Board.  
Sent down for concurrence. March 8. Came up concurred and Messrs  
Whitman, Gilbert and Burges were joined.

Jones

Agreeably to the report of the Com-  
mittee on Licenses leave was granted to Benjamin Jones to water cer-  
tain streets of the City named in his petition with salt water if  
required so to do by the Committee on Internal Health.



on Water to whom was referred the petition of C. D. Smith, dated March 3, 1855. This water was in a building room in the rear of the St. Stephen's Church, in the Purchase Street, may be regarded, have considered the subject fully and find, that applications have been made by Charitable Institutions for the free use of the Cochituate Water, but have not been granted; the Committee are of the opinion that the City Council have not the right to grant the free use of the Cochituate Water under the present Act. The Committee take this opportunity to state, that upon the presentation of a petition by the Children's Friend Society, the subject was referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion, which was given to the City Council in the year 1850 City Document No. 13: the City Solicitor states, if in a general view of the subject, the water is to be regarded as valuable property, the City Council have no more right to give it away than they have a right to make a donation of the City lands, or of the money in the City Treasury, and as the income from the water rents is not sufficient to pay the interest of the Water Debt, and the question is, whether it is competent for the City Council to make grants of this water for a charitable purpose, without compensation. I have no difficulty whatever in answering this question in the negative. If the City Council may give the water to a charitable institution, they may to an individual, if they may give it to a poor corporation, they may to a poor man, in short, the same reasoning would authorize the City Council to vote the water free at once, and thus take from the scrip holders the fund which is expressly set aside and pledged by law for their security. The Committee therefore after a general review of the subject, recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman Accepted. Sent down for con-

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March 5, 1855. currence. March 8. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 10, 1855.

Howe

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of John Howe, asking that the time for building on Lots numbering 28, 29 & 20, Union Park, be extended to October 1<sup>st</sup> 1855, have duly considered the subject, and would offer the following order. For the Committee, Samuel Topliff, Chairman. Ordered: That the prayer of the petitioner be granted upon the express condition, that he shall commence the erection of said houses on or before the first day of May, and have them completed to the satisfaction of the Mayor by October 1<sup>st</sup> 1855. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 8. came up concurred. March 10, 1855. Approved by the Mayor.

Library

The Joint Standing Committee on the Library who have had under consideration the subject of the vacancy in the Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public Library, reported an Ordinance providing that one person shall be chosen each Municipal Year from each branch of the City Council to hold his office during said year who together with the persons already chosen at large shall constitute the Board of Commissioners for the erection of said building. A minority report signed by Messrs Burbank and Buckley of said Committee recommended a different Ordinance providing for the addition of one member of each branch of the City Council to the existing Board of Commissioners as at present constituted. The question being upon the passage of the Ordinance reported by the majority of said Committee, Alderman Washburn moved to substitute another and different Ordinance in place thereof, which Ordinance provides substantially



for the annual appointment of two Aldermen and three members  
of the Common Council, who shall be added to the four Commissioners  
already appointed at large who shall constitute said Board until  
the said Library building shall be completed. After a discussion  
upon the merits of the several Ordinances, they were all laid  
on the table and ordered to be printed. - and the Board

Adjourned to Wednesday next at three o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of  
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the  
Seventh day of March, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Topliff.

Petition of Robert Marsh to be paid for land taken to widen West Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Marsh

The Superintendent of Streets presented to the Board a schedule of assessments for erecting a Sea Wall on Marginal Street; read and referred to the Committee on Paving. Marginal Street.

Petition of Abbott Lawrence and others that Congress Street be paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Lawrence Congress Street.

Petition of S. B. Barrell and others for a lamp in a passageway leading from Mount Vernon Street; Barrell Mount Vernon Street.

116 of Shaw and Parker to be heard respecting their improved Gas  
Lamp. 7. 1855. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

(Old State House)

The lease of the East room of the  
second story of the Old State House to C. M. Ellis for two years and  
three months from January 1. 1855. for the sum of Three hundred  
dollars per annum, was approved by the Board.

Foster.

On the petition of William H. Foster  
for a gate to the Sewer in Chester Street, the Committee on Sewers  
reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read & accepted.

Police Court

room. On the petition of the Justices of  
the Police Court that the late United States land room may be  
assigned to their use the Committee on Public Buildings on the  
part of this Board report, that the prayer of the petitioners should  
be granted, as their health and that of those connected with them  
demand the change. For the committee. W. H. Woodman. Read  
and accepted.

Hayes

Communication from A. A. Hayes respect-  
ing his views of the impurity of the Lochituate Water as stated by the Lo-  
chituate Water Board in their recent report. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. March 8. Came up concurred.

Prince

Petition of Samuel Prince that a  
certain Hall in the old Hancock School House may be cleansed and  
ventilated. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down  
for concurrence. March 8. Came up concurred.



In motion of Alderman Joy the 117.

ordinance in relation to Public Lands, which contemplates the abro- March 7, 1855.  
lition of the Board of Public Land Commissioners was taken from the table and amended by adding to the end of Section 2<sup>d</sup> the following  
'and as amended by Ordinance passed January 11, 1855.' and it was  
then adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

The several Ordinances in re- Public  
lation to the erection of a building for the Public Library, as printed in Library.  
City Doc. A<sup>o</sup> 19, were taken from the table, and the question being upon  
the substitution of the Ordinance offered by Alderman Macburn for  
the Ordinance reported by the majority of the Committee - said Ordinance was amended by striking out the commencement of Section 1  
as far as the word 'until' and inserting as follows: "There shall be  
chosen by the concurrent vote of the City Council in the month of  
March of the present year and in the month of  
January in each year hereafter until the Public Library building  
shall be completed two members of the Board of Aldermen and three  
members of the Common Council who shall hold their offices during  
the then Municipal Year and". Also by adding at the close of  
Section 3. the following "and no essential change shall be made in  
said plan without a vote of the City Council". Also by inserting after  
the words City Council in the 4th Section the words "at such time".  
The question recurring on the substitution of said Ordinance, and the  
Yeas and Nays being required thereon were taken as follows: Yeas -  
Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Cowdin, Dunham, Gould, Sprague Macburn  
Woodberry and Woodman 9. Nays Aldermen Drew and Joy 2. So  
said motion prevailed and the Ordinance was adopted. Sent down  
for concurrence. March 8. Came up concurred. Submittal to the Mayor for  
his approval March 10. 1855. (See page 129,

March 7, 1855  
New Court  
for Suffolk  
County.

The Joint Special Committee to whom was recommended the report and bill concerning the establishment of a new Court for the County of Suffolk having reconsidered the same, report the said bill with additional amendments, and they recommend that the order annexed to their original report be passed. For the committee, A. D. P. by Chairman. Accepted and said order passed (as recorded page 62.) and Aldermen Washburn, Joy and Cooke were appointed on the Committee specified in said order. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twelfth day of March, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Topliff.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, James W. Newcomb was appointed on the Police.

Simmons

Petition of Levi Simmons for leave to erect a Stable in Broad Street near Purchase Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.



Petition of Chauncy Page and 119

others that First Street be graded between Sand & Third Streets of Milton March 12, 1853.  
Boston that Davis Street be graded and the gutters paved, - of George  
& Young that corner lot between Knox and Eagle Streets - and also  
Eagle Street be graded. Referred to the Committee on Paving  
Young.

Petition of N. C. Stevens and others Stevens.  
that the fence of the South Burying Ground may be altered. Referred to  
the Committee on Cemeteries.

Petition of J. D. Bishop and others Bishop  
that the name of Robinson's Alley may be changed to Webster Avenue.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of U. W. Sears for the use Sears  
of the Public Garden for fifteen days from July 1<sup>st</sup> next. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Charles Johnston for a Johnston  
wagon license at corner of Devonshire and Milk Streets. Referred to  
the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Enos Morgan and others Morgan.  
that the Common Sewers may be built by contract. Referred to the  
Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Mary M. Eckley to be Eckley  
paid for personal injuries sustained by her in Canton Street. Referred  
to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. March 15  
came up concurred.

Petition of Oliver H. Downing Downing  
that his bill for services rendered on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July last be paid.  
Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence.  
March 15 came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman Dun-  
 March 12, 1855. nam. the nomination of J. W. Clark as a Special Police Officer at the  
 Police action has eight companies' bills at the expense of the company, to  
 take charge of their property, was taken from the table and confirmed.

The nomination of William F. Reed,  
 Juant John C. Pattee, and William H. Brown as Juant Officers was also  
 Officers taken from the table, and they were confirmed by the Board.

Upon petition of Joseph W. Ward and  
 Ward others trustees under the will of David Henshaw, deceased, of Rufus C.  
 New York Torrey, Andrew H. Ward and others owners of land at South Boston,  
 Central over which the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company have  
 Rail Road located and constructed their said Railroad, praying this Board to  
 estimate the damages sustained by them by reason of the said loca-  
 tion and construction of the said Railroad-it is hereby Ordered:-  
 That the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company be  
 notified to appear before this Board on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March  
 instant, at four o'clock, P.M. at which time this Board will proceed  
 to estimate the damages as prayed for by said petitioner, and will  
 also take such other measures in the premises as are by the laws of  
 this Commonwealth provided in such cases.

The first report of the Commissioners  
 Library on the erection of a building for the accommodation of the Public  
 Library of the City of Boston was read and sent down.

On petition of Shaw and Parker  
 Shaw for a hearing respecting their improved Gas fixtures for Street Lamps,



the committee on streets reported in favor of holding the petition 121  
on Monday next March nineteenth at four o'clock P.M. Read and March 12, 1855.  
accepted.

The Committee on Licenses, to Welch & Lent.  
whom was referred the petition of Welch and Lent for the use of  
the Public Garden for ten days from the first of July next for a  
circus exhibition, reported, that the prayer of the petitioners be grant-  
ed provided they pay the sum of Five hundred dollars in advance  
for the license. Read and accepted.

On the petition of the Bay State Bay State  
Iron Company for abatement of an apportionment for construction of a  
Sewer in First Street the Committee on Sewers reported that the peti-  
tioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of Horace B. Tolles Tolles.  
for leave to exhibit an Anatomical Museum, the Committee on Licen-  
ses reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner on con-  
dition that said license shall be annulled at any time at the  
pleasure of the Board. Accepted.

The Committee on Paving to Marginal  
which was referred the communication from the Superintendent  
of Streets covering a schedule of assessments for building up part  
of Marginal Street report the accompanying order. In the com-  
mittee, J. Dunham Jr. ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he  
heavily is directed to collect the assessments made by the Superintend-  
ent of Streets on the abutments on that part of Marginal Street which  
is made in pursuance of the order passed Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1853. the said assess-  
ments having been laid in conformity with that order. Accepted  
and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, March 14, 1855.

The Committee on Bridges to whom March 12, 1855, was referred the petition of Charles Emerson in relation to the Emerson Mount Washington Avenue Bridge, and Granite Street, beg leave to Report: That by a certificate from the City Engineer it appears said bridge has been completed in accordance with the contract made with the City, which was a condition precedent to its acceptance by the City. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, J. Gunnam, J. L. Gould, Charles Woodberry. Ordered: That the Bridge and Avenue recently constructed from Sea Street across the Point Channel to the Boston Wharf, and Granite Street from said Avenue to First Street, be and the same are hereby accepted by the City, provided the City Engineer has been satisfied as to the title of said Bridge and Avenue and Street. Read and laid upon the table. (See page 157.)

Curtis.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Curtis for the purchase of a gore of land between the estate on Washington Street, and the Engine House south of Dover Street, would recommend its reference to the Committee on Public Buildings, as the subject appropriately belongs to that Committee. For the Committee, C. T. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. March 15. Same up concurred.

Damon

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of James Damon for the purchase of a lot of land in the rear of Cross Street, would recommend its reference to the Committee on Public Buildings as it more appropriately belongs to that Committee. For the Committee, C. T. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent



down for concurrence. March 15<sup>th</sup> came up concurred. 123.

March 12. 1855.

The Committee on Armories and Light  
Military Affairs, with the Military Committee of the Executive Council and the joint Standing Committee of the Legislature with Adjutant General Stone, and other distinguished military men, visited the several armories in this city on Tuesday last and most respectfully Report: That they found most of the Armories with the arms and equipments in excellent condition, the few exceptions will no doubt be attended to forthwith. The Committee would also state that with the encouragement given to the Military Companies in Boston there can be no reasonable excuse why they are not all in first rate condition. Your Committee would further state that the Light Artillery are not properly accommodated, their drill room being in Friend Street, while most of their arms and equipments are in Cooper Street. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, Robert Cowdin, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they hereby are directed to cause such alterations to be made in the building in Cooper Street, as may be necessary for the accommodation of the Light Artillery, and the expense thereof paid from the appropriation for Public Buildings. Accepted and the order passed sent down for concurrence. March 22. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 24. 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee on Emery  
Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of F. W. R. Emery, asking to be refunded the fifteen per cent for having erected a dwelling house upon lot 52 Chester Square have duly considered the same and would offer the following order. For the Committee, C. J. Woodman.

124. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to re-  
March 12, 1855. fund to H. W. R. Emery the sum of Three hundred and seventy five  
dollars, the same being the fifteen per cent to which he is entitled for  
having erected a dwelling house on Lot 52, Chester Square. Passed.  
Sent down for concurrence. March 22<sup>d</sup> Came up concurred. Approved  
by the Mayor March 24, 1855.

Council. No person appearing to object to the  
Congress Street: proposed widening of Congress Street by taking land of J. I. Russell,  
said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full  
power.

Gardner. The Board having resumed the  
N. Y. Central consideration of the petition of Henry Gardner vs. the Boston and New  
Rail Road York Central Rail Road—at the suggestion of the counsel for the peti-  
tioner, the subject was postponed to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

Papers. A certificate from the Common Council  
stating that that branch had elected George Jackson, Henry Sargent,  
Enoch G. Rolfe, and Eben N. Little as Assessors of this City. Came up for  
concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Per Diem. A certificate from the Common Council  
Assessors stating that that branch had elected George F. Williams, Benjamin  
Tepender, and John G. Davis as Per Diem Assessors, came up for con-  
currence. Read and laid on the table.

Assistant. A certificate from the Common  
Papers Council stating that that branch had elected Amos W. Croft and  
Moses Miller of Ward 1. Edwin A. Hill and George P. Dudley of Ward 2.  
Samuel S. Bradbury and James Quinn of Ward 3. Benjamin F. Allen  
and Arthur Pickering of Ward 4. Moses Briggs and Robert Burton of W<sup>d</sup> 5.



Daniel Davies and Emerson Coolidge of Ward 6. Carlos Pierce and 125.  
John O. Barn of Ward 7. William King and Robert A. Lincoln  
of Ward 8. David Spring and George Patten of Ward 9. James Handish  
and George Edgerne of Ward 10. Stephen Smith and Abner A. Horton  
of Ward 11. William A. Foster and Theophilus Steere of Ward 12. as  
Assistant Assessors. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon  
the table.

Petition of George N. Dexter & Dexter  
others for a new School House in Ward 6 in place of the present School house.  
Phillips School. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings  
in concurrence.

Petition of James Perkins & others, Perkins  
for a new School House in Ward 6 in place of the present Phillips  
School. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings in concur-  
rence.

Ordered: That the City Treas- Bonds  
urer be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to cancel the to be cancelled  
following Bonds, now held by the City - viz - number Six Hundred  
and ninety three - Seven hundred and ninety five - Seven hundred  
and ninety six, and Seven hundred and thirty three. The three  
first named Bonds being for lots of land which have been re-sold,  
and the last for a lot, of which possession has been legally taken  
and which is now held by the City. Passed in Common Council.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the  
Mayor, March 14. 1855.

Ordered: That the Messenger be Massachusetts  
authorized to furnish to each member of the City Council a copy of State Record  
the Massachusetts State Record for 1855. and the expense thereof be charg-  
ed to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Com-

126 mon Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.  
March 12. 1855. Approved by the Mayor March 14. 1855.

Appropriations

A communication from the Auditor, stating that certain transfers of appropriations will be needed to close up the business of the present financial year, was referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Advertising.

Ordered: That the Committee on Printing it and they are authorized to contract for the city advertising with the publishers of the same newspapers with the addition of the Boston Evening Telegraph, and upon the same terms, as was provided in relation to the city advertising under the order passed upon the subject last year. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

Fire.

Department-  
Engineers

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider the expediency of so amending the first and second sections of the Fire Ordinance as to provide hereafter for the election of Twelve Assistant Engineers, one to be elected from each Ward instead of the present number. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 14. 1855.

Public Lands

ordinance

The Common Council having amended the Ordinance in relation to Public Lands which was read on the 12th of March by adding thereto the following section "Section No. 3. No member of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract, bargain, sale or agreement in relation to the public lands or any matter or thing connected therewith wherein the City is interested without an express vote of the City Council: and



any and all contracts, bargains, sales or agreements made in violation of this action shall be utterly void as to the City. And the action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 13, 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee, Boston on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Boyd, Lying in His Court and Charles H. Rich having considered the same. Report: That so much of the prayer of the petitioners as relates to a remission of tax assessed upon the property of the Corporation represented by them, should have been, and your Committee hereby recommend that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims. Your Committee also recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Farnham Plummer. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to deduct from the charge made to the Boston Lying in Hospital for an entrance of their drain into the sewer on Worcester Street, the sum of Two hundred dollars, provided that no entrance is hereby authorized nor shall any be made by said Hospital into the sewer on Springfield Street, until a like sum is paid by them for such privilege. Read, accepted and the order passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 14, 1855.

An Ordinance in relation to the Survey of Lumber respecting the order and manner of service of the Deputy Surveyors was read and referred to the Committee on Ordinances in concurrence.

On petition of Henry L. Goodale Or = Goodale. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to open and grade G. Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets. Approved by the Mayor March 14, 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent

March 12, 1855 of Streets be authorized to contract by advertising for proposals, or otherwise, as he may deem for the best interest of the City, for such quantities of Beach gravel as shall be needed for paving during the year 1855, to be landed in such quantities, at such time and places as he shall direct. Approved by the Mayor March 14, 1855.

Police Court.

Ordered: That the north room in the County Court House recently occupied by the United States Courts be and the same is hereby assigned to the use of the Police Court of the City of Boston: and that the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board be authorized to make such changes in the interior arrangements of said room as shall be deemed necessary, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for County Accounts: Also that the jury rooms formerly occupied by the United States Courts be assigned to the use of the Supreme Judicial Court. Approved by the Mayor, March 14, 1855.

Cottage  
Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Cottage Street from Sumner and Maverick Streets, and the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Paving. Approved by the Mayor March 14, 1855.

Foster-  
Whittier,  
Merrimac St;  
Custom House  
street.

On petitions of Foster and Taylor, and of John P. Whittier - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have Merrimac and Custom House Streets re-numbered and the expense thereof charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Approved by the Mayor, March 14, 1855.



Ordered: That the Superintendent 129.

ent of Streets be authorized to open and grade Broadway from ? March 12 1855  
street to the water and cause the obstructions to be removed from Broadway  
the line of said street. Approved by the Mayor March 14 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent Bennington  
of Streets be authorized to grade Bennington Street from Central Street,  
Square to Chelsea Street, and that the expense thereof be charged  
to the appropriation for Paving &c. Approved by the Mayor March 14 1855.

Ordered: That there be deducted Brown.  
from the amount charged to H. A. Brown and others for the use of  
Faneuil Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> instant, the sum of thirty four  
dollars. Approved by the Mayor, March 14 1855.

The Ordinance providing for a Library  
Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public  
Library which was passed by the City Council March 10 1855 and  
it assigned with the following objections to the approval thereof -  
To the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen - Sir - After a deliberate  
examination of an Ordinance which originated in that branch of  
the City Council over which you preside, in relation to the Public  
Library, it is herewith returned, unsigned. The Public Library is  
an institution that promises the happiest results. It was originated  
expressly for the use of the inhabitants of Boston, through the direct  
agency of native born citizens, whose character and attainments  
are honorable to the place of their birth. It is conceded that enlarg-  
ed and better accommodations are absolutely required by the aug-  
mentation of books and the steady increase of readers. Further, it is

130. admitted by those who are particularly conversant with the  
March 12, 1855. progress of the library, that the public sentiment as well as the acts  
of former city councils sustain this opinion. That it devolves upon  
the City Government to carry out the cherished idea of an edifice  
combining conveniences proper to be secured in the desired structure,  
is beyond a question. A location having been selected, the expression  
was general that a building would soon make its appearance. To  
the regret, however, of many ardent friends of the measure, the entire  
year of 1854 was suffered to pass away without accomplishing the  
undertaking. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November last, an Ordinance was passed,  
providing for the establishment of a Board of Commissioners for the  
erection of a building for a Public Library, and gentlemen distinguish-  
ed for refined taste, moral worth, intelligence and devotion to the con-  
templated enterprise, were elected. At a comparatively recent date,  
the City Council authorized them to locate the proposed building on  
the lot purchased for a site on Myrtle Street; and subsequently  
the newly appointed Commissioners advertised for designs, having  
had placed at their disposal, two thousand dollars, for the sole purpose  
of making the necessary preliminary arrangements. Their first re-  
port, in accordance with the law of November, was rendered on Wed-  
nesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of March; and those architectural plans and specifica-  
tions which they have publicly solicited from competent professional  
sources, are expected to be given in on the 15<sup>th</sup>. In short, the Commis-  
sioners have conducted the important trust confided to them, in  
a manner to command the perfect respect of all parties, without  
distinction. They receive no compensation, indulge in no expenditures  
for themselves, and yet their time and efforts are freely given with  
a hearty good will, to encourage a noble project, in the highest degree  
creditable to the City of Boston. By the proposed new Ordinance, four



members of the board may be retained to the completion of the library edifice, viz Messrs. Robert C. Winthrop, Samuel G. Hart, George Ticknor and Nathaniel B. Shurtleff; but it proposes to enlarge the commission by the addition of five more, drawn directly from the city council, who might, if they chose, effectually control by their inactivity, or a declarative movement, all progress whatever; or under other circumstances, prove inharmonious elements. If this measure were not viewed in the light of an indignity towards the present commissioners, it certainly carries with it something like a want of confidence in their capacity or integrity. Who can be entrusted with the management of the Public Library if they cannot? Their positions in society, weight of character and sound discretion exercised thus far in life, for the advancement and honor of the city, entitle them to the full and unreserved confidence of this community. Besides being tax payers, bound by every consideration to an economical disbursement of the funds placed in their keeping, the library was actually commenced by one of those commissioners; and all of them have given to it a marked attention from the beginning. A magnificent donation of fifty thousand dollars, is due to their personal influence, which is but a single link in a prospective golden chain, that in after ages will firmly bind together and support this anticipated temple of knowledge. In adding two members of the city council to the Board of Commissioners, it is apparent that many advantages would be realized; but to make the addition from the city Hall so large; that on the slightest pretext, the majority thus raised, might at pleasure suspend or crush the labors of those selected directly from the people, and thus jeopardise the whole at a critical period of its history, would at least be ungenerous. Any legislation leading to the resignation of the Com-

132. missioners, would assuredly prevent others of equal standing &

March 12, 1855 qualifications from accepting their vacant chairs. Again the course pursued by the Commissioners, circumstanced as they would inevitably be, by the Ordinance under consideration, could not fail of being an embarrassment and a matter of extreme mortification. They have offered inducements for exhibitions of architectural skill, to answer a specific object, and to be deprived of an opportunity of meeting those they have thus invited into service at this incipient stage, might justly call in question the good faith of the City. By general consent, the Court House, in Court Square is a memorable example of the way in which a Joint Special Committee, selected annually from the City Council, failed in their intentions to accomplish what they voluntarily assumed, with an eye to economy, beauty and convenience. The expense was enormously large; the progress repachensably slow; the plan defective, and the yearly committee of each season attempted, ineffectually, to remedy the faults of their predecessors. When ready for occupancy, the Courts were dismantled and from the first day the tribunals took possession down to this moment, objections against it have multiplied and strengthened. From a conviction that it would be difficult for members of the City Council, burdened as they are with various onerous duties, to attend to the details and responsibilities of Commissioners; and moreover conceiving that it would be bad policy to subject the enterprise to the hazard of being spoiled by frequently changing hands, the late administration very properly determined to select the commissioners from the citizens at large, as the only feasible security against those evils which are prominently foreshadowed in the newly devised Ordinance. Unnecessary procrastination to the month of November 1854, taken in connection with the powers granted to the Commissioners at the very close of the year,



enabling them to proceed - and finally, the Ordinance now apparently 133.  
intended to interrupt or demolish whatever may have been achieved in March 1<sup>st</sup> 1855  
the right direction, indicates a degree of instability on the part of the  
Municipal Government, prejudicial to the reputation of the City of Boston.  
Being conscientiously impressed with a belief that it is the bounden  
duty of the City Council to aid and assist, without further delay or  
hindrance in the speedy erection of a Public Library building, and re-  
solving that the passage of the Ordinance before me to that effect, would  
essentially retard, if not completely defeat an object urgently solicited  
by our fellow citizens, I most respectfully decline after this frank de-  
claration of my reasons, as the charter requires, to give to it an official ap-  
proval. J. V. B. Smith, Mayor. The foregoing message having been  
read by the Chair, the Board proceeded to reconsider said Ordinance,  
the question being upon the passage of the same notwithstanding the  
objections of the Mayor, - after a discussion thereon the subject was  
laid upon the table, and the Board

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Nine-  
teenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Petition of James Fowle and  
 March 19, 1855. others for a hearing in relation to a nuisance in North Brighton  
 Fowle Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Caverly.  
 Loudon. Petition of Charles Caverly and  
 of Frederick Loudon for leave to water certain streets of the City.  
 Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Hancock.  
 Bentworth. Petition of John Hancock to be  
 paid for land taken to widen Mackintosh Street; of Rich Bentworth  
 to be paid for land taken to widen Beverly Street. Referred to the Com-  
 mittee on Streets.

Moulton.  
 Devine.  
 (Revere. Petition of Oliver N. Moulton to be  
 paid for change of grade in Meridian Street; of C. Devine's heirs to be  
 paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Silver Street; of  
 George Revere to be paid for change of grade in South Silver Street.  
 Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hills.  
 Blake.  
 Piper.  
 Butchelder.  
 Blake.  
 Templeton. Petition of Thomas Hills & others,  
 that crossing stones be laid at junction of Church and Marion Streets;  
 of James H. Blake for leave to maintain two windows in window;  
 of Solomon Piper and others that a portion of Lehigh Street be paved;  
 of T. & E. Butchelder Nov. that Perkins Street be paved; of Geo. P. Blake  
 and others that Fourth Street may be graded from N. street to the  
 Point; of John Templeton for the grade of Pleasant Street near  
 the corner of Beylston Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

May.  
 Petition of Samuel May and others  
 for extension of the Congress Street Sewer. Referred to the Committee  
 on Sewers.



Petition of George Finney and 133.

seventeen other boys for licenses to sell newspapers & magazines under Act of 1833.  
the Hawker and Pedlar Act. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Minor

Communication of the Fort Hill, Fort Hill

corporation respecting a proposed bridge and avenue over the Fort Hill Corporation  
Channel. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for con-  
currence. March 22<sup>d</sup> came up concurred.

Communication from the Mayor

Directors of the House of Industry re. covering the resignation of Henry Gurney.  
St. Gurney as a member of the Board was read and sent down.  
In Common Council. Placed on file.

Petition of William Amory for Amory

leave to exchange a portion of his land with an equal portion of  
the land of the City in Suffolk and Camden Streets. Referred to  
the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. March  
22<sup>d</sup> came up concurred.

Petition of Isaac S. Thundersworth Thundersworth

for an extension of time for the erection of certain houses under  
his agreement of January 1852. Referred to the Committee on Public  
Lands. Sent down for concurrence. March 22. Came up concurred.

Communication of the City Treas- jail lands

urer respecting the instalments due upon the jail land property, so  
called. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for  
concurrence. March 22. Came up concurred.

Petition of Charles Cook that cer- Cook

tain bonds held by him may be cancelled for land on Northampton

136 Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down March 19, 1855. for concurrence. March 22. Came up concurred.

Jones

Agreeably to the report of the Committee

Stable.

on Internal Health, Frederick Jones and others were allowed to erect their proposed stable in West Garden Street.

Quimby

An application from Ira B. Quimby

for the benefit of the Faneuil Fund for Mechanics was referred to the Chairman of the Board.

Hygieneighers

The Mayor nominated to the Board

the following officers - Assessors of Taxes William Gayden, B. B. Webster, and W. W. Merrick. Measurers of Wood and Bark Warren Bowker, Henry R. Andrews, Timothy Abbott. Scalers of Weights & Measures Rice H. Burke, William G. Lusk, Daniel H. Johnson. Inspectors and Weighers of Bundle Hay - Israel M. Barnes, Samuel B. Livermore, Benjamin M. Nevers, Caleb W. Hartshorn, Joseph Urann, Charles H. Moore, Henry R. Andrews, John Marshall Jr. William B. Harding, Henry Emerson, - Read and laid upon the table.

House of  
Correction.

Ordered: That the rules and regulations reported for the House of Correction during the past year be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Sea Strand. Passed in common council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Buck Bay  
Lands

A communication from the State Commissioners on the Buck Bay Lands, offering a new proposition to the City - was read and referred to Aldermen Sprague and Woodman with such as the Common Council may join. Sent down for concurrence. March 22. Came up concurred, and Messrs Chipman, Plummer and Hobbs were joined.



Ordered: That the Committee on 137.

Salaries be directed to consider, and if expedient, report a salary for March 19, 1855.  
the Inspectors at the Northern and the Southern scales so that they may receive a fixed compensation for their services and pay over their fees into the City Treasury. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Inspectors Salary.

Petition of George Eaton & others, Eaton.  
for a new School House in Ward 11. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings in concurrence.

Agreeably to notice Mr. Shaw of Shaw  
the firm of Shaw & Parker appeared and explained the advantages of his Patent Gas Fixtures, and substantiated the same by witnesses and other testimony - after which the subject was laid upon the table.

On the notices of intention to Brown  
build by J. C. & N. Brown on Kilby Street - and James Marshall on Marshall.  
Trumbull Street, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is required on the lines of said streets but that the subjects of grading and coal holes be referred the Committee on Paving. Accepted.

The Board resumed the consideration of the subject of the petition of Henry Gardner vs the Boston and N. Y. Central New York Central Rail Road, but the counsel for the Railroad not Rail Road.  
being prepared the hearing was continued to Monday April 2<sup>d</sup>.

The order respecting the City Advertising  
Advertising which was laid upon the table March 12<sup>th</sup> was taken therefrom and passed in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor March 21, 1855.

On motion of Alderman Wood-

March 19, 1855.

Library  
Ordinance.

man the Ordinance, providing for the establishment of a Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public Library was taken from the table and the question being on the passage of said Ordinance notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor, it was decided by Yeas and Nays in conformity with the provisions of the city charter, as follows, Yeas Aldermen George Gordon, Gould Sprague, Joseph Washburn, Woodberry and Woodman 8. Nays Aldermen Clark, Drew, Dunham, and Joy 4. Two thirds of the members present voting in favor thereof said Ordinance was passed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for concurrence. March 22. Came up non-concurred, Yeas 25 Nays 21.

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor, James D. Russell and Samuel Crane were appointed on the Police-Special Police. and Gilbert Simonds was appointed a Special Police Officer at the Boston Lunatic Hospital.

Auctioneer.

On nomination by the Mayor, George W. Heywood was appointed an Auctioneer at 315 Hanover Street.

Peoples Ferry

Company

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of the People's Ferry Company for an alteration of their rules of toll replied that the subject be referred to the Board for their consideration. Read and accepted.

Minors

Ordered: That the order passed February 19, 1855. to restrain Minors, be amended by striking out the following words from the first condition in the said order - "Brass and" "of not less than one inch in size" so that said first condition shall read as follows, to wit - That each minor licensed by the Board of Aldermen



shall at all times when on duty in the street wear a leather badge 139.  
upon his hat or cap with the word "Licensed" in polished letters  
fastened thereon.

The Joint Standing Committee  
on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Smith & Turbell  
asking to be remunerated for having filled in a portion of East Con-  
cord Street, the same being in front of three lots, which they had pre-  
viously purchased of the City, have duly considered the subject, and  
would offer the following order. For the Committee. Sam<sup>l</sup> Topping  
Chairman. Orderd: That there be paid to Smith and Turbell, the  
sum of One Hundred dollars for services and material furnished  
in filling up a portion of East Concord Street, said amount to be  
charged to the appropriation for Public Lands. Accepted and the order  
passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 24. Came up concurred. March  
31. 1855. Approved by the Mayor.

The Committee on Paving Having Humphrey.  
had the subject of closing cellar doorways brought to their atten- Cellars.  
tion by the petition of Wm. Humphrey and others would respectfully  
report that the petitioners have been heard, and that having viewed  
the cellar doors and cellar doorways which are kept open during  
the day time and in many instances in the night time, in various  
parts of the City contrary to the Ordinances, they are unanimously  
of the opinion that the ordinances should be strictly enforced in this  
respect. It is well known to this Board that in compliance with  
the orders of the last Board of Mayor and Aldermen the cellar  
doorways in North and Broad Streets, and other localities have  
been closed up, and your Committee deem it important that all  
citizens should be dealt with alike. Since the closing up of the  
cellar doorways abovementioned the entrances to the cellars are of-

140. feded by making a headway through the ground floor and using  
March 14, 1885. a portion of the first story, which in the opinion of your Committee is  
the only proper way. The Committee can see no reason why a por-  
tion of the street, which is the highway for all, should contain op-  
enings such as jeopardize life and make the City liable for heavy  
damages, for private gain. It is only of late years that cellars have  
been occupied for the transaction of business in some localities and ten-  
anted by human beings in others. Cellars according to the laws of  
both the State and the City were constructed for storing of merchan-  
dize and household articles, and the regulations made for them are  
to that intent and no more - the ordinance of the City providing  
that no cellar door or cellar doorway "shall be open more than  
fifteen minutes during any part of the night time or for more than  
two hours during the whole day time." Thus it will be seen that the  
time allowed for the doorway to be open, was evidently made only for  
the purpose of putting in or taking out articles. The Committee confi-  
dently believing that the best interests of all the citizens require that  
each one should occupy only his own premises, and that the thron-  
ed thoroughfares of our City should be kept as clear and as safe  
as a literal construction of the ordinances will admit, would  
unanimously recommend the passage of the accompanying or-  
ders. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Ordered: That the Chief  
of Police be directed to notify all persons who have cellar doors  
or cellar doorways which are kept open contrary to the ordinanc-  
es of the City, to close the same within ten days of the date of the  
notice issued from said Chief of Police's office, and if this order  
is not complied with at the expiration of this period, the Chief of  
Police is further directed to forthwith cause the same to be closed and  
the expense of said closing to be charged to the owner thereof. It



is further Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to take notice 141.

of any contemplated violation of the Ordinances in relation to March 19, 1855.  
cellar doorways - to the end that no more tenanted or occupied  
cellars for business purposes shall have an entrance on any  
street. Accepted and the orders passed.

Ordered: That the City Clerk  
be authorized to cause the report on cellar doors and the orders  
relating thereto to be published in all the papers of this City that  
are paid for publishing the ordinances &c.

The undersigned, from the Com- East Boston  
mittee to whom was referred "all papers concerning a new School House.  
at East Boston," have had that subject under consideration, and beg  
leave to submit the following Report: The Committee found on exami-  
nation of all the papers, that they not only related to a new School  
House at East Boston, but that they included the erection of an Engine  
House on the play ground of a Primary School House, also the pur-  
chase of a new lot of land for the erection of a Grammar School  
and an Engine House. The order does not contemplate, nor direct  
your Committee to investigate or report their doings, but believing  
that it was the intention of the mover that they should do so, the  
Committee commenced their investigations by visiting the several  
locations. On the "Crowley Lot," they found that a School House had  
been commenced, and attained the required height for the first  
story. And that the walls were in a bad condition, caused by  
the action of the frost, and that it would be necessary before the  
work could proceed with interest to the city to have some parts  
of them torn down. Nearly opposite to said lot, on the Primary School  
House lot they found that an Engine House had been contem-  
plated by the passage of an appropriation of twenty five hundred

142. dollars. Also by advertising for proposals and receiving three several  
March 19, 1855. bids; the lowest of which was One thousand nine hundred and twenty  
seven dollars; but no contracts signed. They then examined a lot of  
land at the Northeastly angle of Sumner and Lamson Streets, known  
as lots Nos. thirteen and part of twelve, containing about fourteen  
thousand feet, which can be bought for eight thousand nine hun-  
dred dollars, and so situated, that the Grammar School and  
Engine House can be built thereon, leaving ample play ground  
for the scholars. Also the advantage over the Crowley lot, by erect-  
ing the privies twenty feet farther off from the School House, and  
connecting their ventilation within the walls of the engine house,  
and so constructed as to shelter the scholars from rain and snow  
in stormy weather. It appears by the records, that the Crowley lot  
contains 12,500 feet, and cost

\$ 9,375.00

Contracts signed for Masonry on said lot,

26,532.92

Contracts signed for carpentry,

11,960.00

The lowest, and only bid for Painting & Glazing, (not accepted)

2,295.00

The contractor for Masonry informs the Committee that

he made an error of \$4,200.00 in estimating the contents of the  
brick work. For the City Council to pay contractors for any  
or all mistakes that they may make in estimating on  
plans for public buildings would not be in accordance with

custom. But as the contractor in this case is one of those  
lucky individuals, who unquestionably can bring a claim  
against the City equal to the amount of his error, the  
Committee have taken that amount into the account,

4,200.00

The contractor establishes his claim, by an error, made by  
one of the city officers, in giving the wrong grade whereby  
the plans had to be altered after the contracts had been



signed, thereby absolving him from all liability on his part to fulfil the specifications in said contract. Also, several weeks of delay on account of said error and alterations, subjecting him to great loss making the cost of the

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Crowley lot, and Grammar School House, if built on said lot, 54,362.92.

Add cost of Engine House (lowest bid) 1,927.00

Add Primary School House and Lot where it was proposed to build the Engine House, 4,000.00

Making an expenditure in carrying out the several erections 60,289.92

The lot of land at the northeasterly angle of Sumner and Lamson Street, being lot N<sup>o</sup> 13 and part of 12, containing 14,000 square feet, can be purchased for 8,900.00

The contractor for Masonry, will, if desired, remove all materials from Crowley lot, furnish all materials and Mason work for Grammar School and Engine Houses on lot 13 and 12, relinquish all claim for alteration of plans after contracts had been signed, together with error in estimate, for the sum of 29,440.00

The contractor for carpentry will perform his contract if removed to lot 13 and 12, providing the City will dispose with those huge load stool ventilators, and the woodwork connected with them, for 10,960.00

including the Painting and Glazing for both School, and Engine Houses, making a saving in his first contract of One thousand dollars. And the lowest bid for Painting of \$2,295.00, making an actual saving in his bill of \$3,295.00; by the addition of \$300 he will finish two more rooms for Primary Schools in said building, making four in all; the new lot of land, School House and

144. engine House, including 1500 feet more land than on  
March 19. 1855. the Crowley lot, will amount to 49,908.00  
a difference in cost by the change, of Ten thousand six hundred and  
eighty one dollars and ninety two cents. The Committee will not  
say that the architect, the builder, the dealer in huge blocks of granite,  
nor the learned gentleman who invented those ventilators, will not  
complain, should the City economize in the construction of all build-  
ings that are liable to be torn down to make room for business purposes.  
It is proper to state that the proposed change of lots carries with it a  
change of plans. The Superintendent of Public Schools recommends  
both kind and plans as preferable to the old and in the opinion  
of the Committee it would be a change for the benefit of three  
classes, first the Scholars, second the Teachers, third the Tax payers  
of Boston. It also proposes to do away with the old stereotype plans,  
whereby the tax payers have had to pay thousands of dollars for the  
huge blocks of hammered granite, that in many instances are hid  
from view, only for a few years, and then by the freak of some School  
Committee they are torn down to make room, as they say, for the march  
of business. A majority of the citizens of Boston are of the opinion  
that the time has arrived that a system of thrifty management  
of its finances should take place. Fifteen or twenty years ago, we  
could hear the rich men complain of the high rate of taxation;  
that complaint is hushed. They have invented a plan to protect  
their "Almighty Dollar,"- if their wealth is in stocks, they will drive  
a bargain with some "Wallmen" of the financial district, or take up  
their abode in the State of Rhode Island. It appears to your Com-  
mittee that the subject of the purchase of the land, and the signing  
of the contract for the erection of a Grammar School House at East  
Boston, has caused much feeling. Not only among the Committee who



had that matter in charge, but the inhabitants in its immediate vicinity have not managed a particularly good one to another in regard to its location. But that is a subject that your committee do not wish to meddle with, leaving each one to settle their own private differences unconnected with the public interest. In the erection of all Public Buildings, it is not to be supposed that every citizen in the immediate vicinity of its location will be satisfied with the action of the City Government. And whatever the Government, its Committee, or any private individual may do, it has not in any instance given entire satisfaction to all parties interested. So far as your Committee have had experience in public or private life, they have found that there is but one course to pursue, to approach perfection and secure the approbation of all honest men, and that is, to regard their oath of office strictly within its obligations; performing every act without dictation or coercion from any man, or body of men whatever. Your Committee have endeavored to give all parties opposed, and those in favor of its removal, an impartial hearing. And after a thorough investigation of the subject, the peculiar predicament of the contracts, the liability of the contractor in consequence of altering the grade and plans after contracts have been signed by both parties, and a prospective saving to the city's purse as in the future erection of its Public Buildings, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following order. C. I. Woodman, C. F. Porter. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be, and they are, duly instructed to purchase forthwith a lot of land at the northeasterly angle of Sumner and Gamson Streets, known as lot N<sup>o</sup> 13, and part of N<sup>o</sup> 12 containing about fourteen thousand square feet, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Sumner School House, N<sup>o</sup> 1, an Engine House. Provided the cost thereof shall not

1116. exceed eight thousand nine hundred dollars. The cost to be charged to the appropriation for Grammar School Houses and Engine Houses. Read and laid upon the table and ordered to be printed with any other reports upon the same subject. (See page 170 - also City Ex. A: 23)

March 19, 1855.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twentieth day of March, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Special Police.

On nomination by the Mayor Joseph Scavvy was appointed a Special Police Officer for protection of the property of the Boston Gas Light Company.

Shaw.  
M<sup>r</sup> Winch.

Petition of G. Howland Shaw & others that a new Sewer may be laid in the passageway between Ferry St. and Fulton Street; of Robert M<sup>r</sup> Winch and others for a Sewer in Kneeland St. between Cove & Sea Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.



Petition of Robert Godman 1147.  
for removal of the stand of the Burlington Street line of omnibuses near Canton Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. March 20, 1855.  
Godman.

Petition of Jonathan Harrington Harrington.  
for leave to exhibit performances of Magic at Amory Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Francis Francis.  
Francis and others, and of Amasa Hill and others against the proposed location of a tube in Canal Street &c. Referred to the Hill-  
Committee on Internal Health. cage.

Petition of Engine Company No. 11. Engine  
that a room may be provided for them in which to hold legal meetings of their company. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Co. No. 11.  
Sent down for concurrence. March 29. Same up concurred.

Petition of Seth Whittier & others Whittier-  
that certain obstructions may be removed from Foster Street, near Lincoln, Jr. that the line of Commercial Street, near Lincoln's Wharf, may be defined. Referred to the Committee on Streets. street.

Petition of George A. Chickering & Chickering-  
others of Watson & Mayo and others of L. L. Bartlett and others, that a new road be laid out over Breeds Island. Referred to the Committee on Mayo-  
Streets. Bartlett.

Petition of Thayer, Hovey & Co. that Thayer.  
the streets around Faneuil Hall may be known by the uniform name of Faneuil Hall  
'Faneuil Hall square.' Referred to the Committee on Naming. square.

1118.

Petition of James M. Stevens

March 26. 1855. to be paid for damage sustained by the change of grade in Meridian Street; - of Michael Keyes that his cellar doorway may be suffered to remain unclosed. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

File.

Remonstrance of James H. Tate

against his removal from the Police. Referred to the Committee on the Police &c.

Huwer

Petition of Nathaniel Huwer and

"Shaw-burner". others, lamplighters, that the "Shaw-burner" may be removed from the street lamps of the City: read and laid upon the table and Thursday next at 3 1/2 o'clock P.M. was assigned as the time for hearing the petitioners on the subject.

Wittman

Petition of Wm. Wittman & others

to be heard respecting the proposed closing of the cellar doorways of the City. Read and laid upon the table and Thursday next at three o'clock, P.M. was assigned as the time of hearing the petitioners.

Library

A communication from George C. C.

Commissioner

resigns

orne resigning his office as one of the Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public Library was read, accepted and sent down for concurrence. March 29. Came up concurred.

Land

A communication was received from

Commissioner

records of

the late Board of Public Land Commissioners transmitting and surrendering their books and papers to the custody of the City Council. - Read and thereupon it was Ordered; That the records and papers of the late Board of Public Land Commissioners be placed in the care and custody of the Superintendent of Public Lands. Sent down



for concurrence. March 29. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 31. 1855.

1119.  
March 26. 1855.

Petition of Michael Hudson and sixteen other boys for licenses to sell papers &c. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Hudson. Minors.

The Common Council having amended the petition for the establishment of a new ward for the county of Suffolk by providing for its acceptance by the town of Northampton &c. said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 29. 1855.

The subject of the election of Permanent Assessors was taken from the table and the ballots being taken and counted for four. It appeared that Henry Argent, John D. Richardson, Eben A. Little and Milton Austin were chosen, this Board thereby nonconcurring in the election of George Jackson and Enoch C. Rolfe made by the other branch. Sent down for concurrence. Assessors

The subject of the election of Per Diem Assessors was taken from the table, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Benjamin Thompson, George J. Williams, and Enoch C. Rolfe were elected, this Board thereby nonconcurring in the election of John G. Davis made by the other branch. Sent down for concurrence. March 29. Came up concurred. Per Diem Assessors

The subject of the election of Assistant Assessors was taken from the table and the ballot having been taken and counted it appeared that Amos W. Croft, Moses Miller, Edwin A. Hill, George P. Dudley, Samuel A. Bradbury, James Quinn, Benjamin L. Allen, Arthur Pickering, Robert Bunten, John Cowdin, Assistant Assessors

150 Daniel Davies, Emerson Coolidge, J. W. Merriam, Julian C. Mason,

March 14, 1855. His Honor used to present David Spring, George Patten and Har-  
ish, John B. Mullin, Stephen Smith, Ebenezer Morton, William P. Hous-  
ton, Sumner Crosby, were elected, this Board thereby nonconcurring  
in the choice of Moses Briggs, Carlos Pierce, N. Lyman Strong, George  
Odiorne, and Theophilus Storer, made by the other branch. Sent  
down for concurrence.

Appropriations.

The Committee on Finance hav-  
ing duly considered the Auditor's communication of the eighth inst:  
would respectfully recommend to the Council the passage of the en-  
closed order, authorizing a transfer of certain appropriations. For the  
Committee, J. V. G. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the Auditor of  
Accounts be authorized to make the following transfers of appropria-  
tions: Add a sum of Eighty twenty thousand dollars by with-  
drawing Six thousand from Paving, Ten thousand from New School  
House at East Town and four thousand from Fitting Streets:-  
Add to Fire Department, Thirty five hundred dollars and to Inter-  
nal Health, Twenty five hundred dollars, by withdrawing both am-  
ounts from Incidental Expenses:- Add to Johnson (Winthrop) School  
House, Two thousand dollars by withdrawing that amount from  
Grammar School Houses:- Add to Lamps Three thousand dollars  
by withdrawing One thousand from Public Buildings, Fifteen hun-  
dred from Military Bounty, and Five hundred from Sewers and  
Drains: Add to Fire Department One hundred dollars by with-  
drawing that amount from Oil Claims. Passed in common Coun-  
cil. Yeas 35. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concu-  
red. Yeas: Aldermen Cook, Cook, Gardin, Jew, Lunsam, Gould,  
Joy, Sprague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodberry, Woodman. 12. Nays none.  
Approved by the Mayor, March 29, 1855.



on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the matter of Police Station March 26, 1855.  
 N° 4. and a Ward Room for Ward Eight, have considered those sub- Police  
 jects and Report: That it is inexpedient to purchase the site on Station N° 4.  
 Eliot Street recommended by the Committee of last year, but in-  
 stead thereof, they recommend that the present ward room be re-  
 tained, and that the premises on Boylston and Washington Streets,  
 now occupied as Police Station N° 4. be leased for a term of years, and  
 so altered and enlarged as to afford the requisite accommodations  
 for that Station. The passage of the accompanying order is therefore  
 recommended. For the Committee, W. Washburn. Ordered: That the  
 Committee on Public Buildings be, and they are, hereby authorized to  
 alter and repair the building now used as Police Station number  
 four on Boylston Street, at an expense not exceeding Twelve hundred  
 and fifty dollars. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concur-  
 rence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 29, 1855.

Whereas it is understood that ma- Lord's Day  
 ny places of business such as bar rooms, Barber shops, Bill rooms, Bar rooms &  
 and Daguerreotype Saloons are kept open for the transaction of bus-  
 iness upon the Lord's Day in violation of the laws, therefore Ordered:  
 That the attention of the prosecuting officers be especially directed there-  
 to. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
 concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 29, 1855.

Petition of Nathaniel S. Prince & Prince  
 others for alteration of the Ordinance concerning the survey of lum-  
 ber. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances in concurrence.

An ordinance providing for the es-

tablishment of a board of commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public Library, which provides among other things that one Alderman and two members of the Common Council shall be annually appointed on said commission, having been referred in the Common Council to the Committee on the Public Library: came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

(Batchelder.

Perkins Street.

On petition of J. & E. Batchelder & Co.

that Perkins Street be paved, the Committee on Paving reported that no action is necessary, as an order has already been passed for the paving of said street. Read and accepted.

East Boston

School House.

The undersigned, a member of

the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the removing of the School House at East Boston from the site upon which it is now being erected on the Crowley Lot, has given the matter a careful investigation and heard all the statements for and against the removal, and having formed a different conclusion than that of the others of the Committee, I offer the following Report: The subject referred has its advantages and disadvantages, - either by removing or completing the structure; in the first place, if the present location is abandoned and a new one selected, with the intention of erecting a cheaper style of building with the same thickness of walls, and connect therewith an Engine House, a saving may be made according to figures below:

Cost of Crowley Lot,	\$ 9,375.00
Contract for Masonry,	26,532.92
"    "    Carpentry,	11,960.00
"    "    Painting and Glazing,	1,500.00



Mason's Error,	1,200.00	153.
Cost of Engine House,	1,927.00	March 26, 1855.
" " " " Lot,	<u>600.00</u>	\$ 56,094.92
New Lot,	8,900.00	
Masonry,	29,440.00	
Carpentry,	10,960.00	
Centilators to correspond with first estimate,	1,000.00	
Four inches thickness of wall to correspond } with first estimate,	<u>1,000.00</u>	\$ 51,308.00
Amount saved,		\$ 4,786.92

If the Engine House is not connected with the removal, then the saving will amount to about \$3,200, and this saving is based upon the presumption that the lot which has been purchased will sell at the same price the City gave for it. The present contractor made an error in his figures in estimating for the contract which he states to be \$42,000.00; I have assumed that the City will allow him that sum, which is included in my estimate. If the City does not allow him the \$42,000.00 (to which sum he probably has a just claim) then the saving by the removal will not, in my opinion, exceed \$500.00. All of which is respectfully submitted. Charles Woodberry. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (City Doc. No. 25.)

The Joint Special Committee to Farwell  
whom the petition of J. C. Farwell and others, concerning the Printing Con- Printing  
tract was referred, caused all the parties to be notified to appear before contract.  
the Committee, and after hearing the parties on the matter of the peti-  
tion, duly considered the statements and evidence given before them, and  
would respectfully report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the  
Committee, A. H. P. Joy, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concu-  
rence. March 29. Came up concurred.

On petition of James G. Blake for leave

March 26, 1855. to maintain Bow windows in Cornhill, the Committee on Paving reported  
Blake. ad that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Jenkins

On petition of Edward Jenkins for com-

penation for change of grade in Hill Street, the Committee on Paving  
reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Harrison

On petition of W. J. & Hobbs and others

Harrison Av: that the bridge over the Worcester Railroad track on Harrison Avenue,  
bridge may be widened, the Committee on Paving reported a reference  
of the subject to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.  
Accepted.

Hills

On petition of Thomas Hills & others

that crossing stones be laid at the junction of Church & Marion  
Street the Committee on Paving reported that no action thereon  
is necessary as the Superintendent of Streets has full power in the  
premises. Accepted.

Foster & Taylor

On the petition of Foster and Taylor

Custom House

Street

and others - Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board  
will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration  
the expediency of constructing a common Sewer in Custom  
House Street and of apportioning the expense thereof on all persons who  
may enter their particular premises into such common Sewer or  
who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby;  
any person making objections thereto will then and there be heard.

Loring

Thomas and G. Loring Company

Congress Street.

Have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect buildings



on Congress and Gridley Streets, in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said streets should be widened. at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Caleb G. Loring & Company, that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the Second day of April at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the city require that Congress street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to Joseph E. Rusten bounded as follows viz: Northwardly by Congress street, there measuring thirty feet; Southeastwardly by land of Edward Walsh, two feet and  $\frac{59}{100}$  of a foot; Southwestwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, thirty three feet and  $\frac{1}{100}$  of a foot; and Northwardly by land lately taken from Samuel Sanford to widen the said street two feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$  of a foot; containing eighty nine square feet and  $\frac{86}{100}$  of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said city - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. J. Chesbrough dated February 20<sup>th</sup> 1854 and de-

156. posited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this  
March 26, 1855. Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Cong-  
ress street, as aforesaid, will amount to Four hundred and fifty  
dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of pre-  
vious alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the pre-  
sent municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dol-  
lars. Approved by the Mayor, March 28, 1855.

Welles

Ordered: That there be paid to  
John Welles the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars for land taken to  
widen Beverly Street, April 20, 1854 being at the rate of Three dollars &  
twenty five cents per foot for two hundred square feet, upon his giving  
to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for  
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that  
the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for  
laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor March 28<sup>th</sup>  
1855.

Marsh

Ordered: That there be paid to  
Robert Marsh the sum of Eighteen hundred and ten dollars and  
thirty five cents for land taken to widen West Street, October 23, 1854—  
being at the rate of six dollars and seventy five cents per foot for two  
hundred and sixty eight and 7/10 feet, upon his giving to the City a  
Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all dam-  
ages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the  
same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying  
out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, March 28, 1855.

Hagg

Ordered: That the order passed June 12,  
1854, to pay Henry Hagg and Emily Merriam the sum of Eighteen hun-  
dred and sixty five dollars for land taken to widen North Street, be



tober 10. 1853. and May 1<sup>st</sup> 1853. be, and the same is hereby rescinded and 157.  
declared to be of no effect.

March 26. 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to Flagg

Henry Flagg and Emily Merriam of Providence, R.I. the sum of Nine hundred and sixty dollars for land taken to widen North Street, October 10. 1853. then described as land of D. Wellington, being at the rate of Four dollars per foot for two hundred and nine feet and  $\frac{3}{100}$  of a foot upon their giving to the city a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, March 28. 1855.

On motion of Alderman Gould, the Mount  
report and order respecting the acceptance of the Mount Washington Washington  
-venue bridge. (See record recorded on page 122. and which was said -venue  
upon the late March 15<sup>th</sup> were taken therefrom, and said order having bridge  
been amended by adding to the end thereof the following, viz: "provided  
said streets are free from all obstructions, and provided the same  
are graded and completed according to the terms of the contract and  
to the satisfaction of a Special Committee of three on the part of this  
Board," - was passed by the Board.

The Joint Standing Committee Brackett.  
on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of R. B. Brackett, for com-  
pensation while serving on the Watch and Police, respectfully report,  
that it appears that the said Brackett has been paid in full for all  
the services performed by him. They therefore recommend that he have  
leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence. March 29. Came up concurred.

March 26, 1855. Claims to whom was referred the petition of Edward Healey, to be paid for a cat taken from him when on duty as a fireman respectfully report, that they can see no reason why the City should pay for the loss of a cat, and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. March 29. Came up concurred.

Bishop  
Webster Avenue. On petition of J. D. Bishop & others; Ordered: that the name of Robinson's Alley, so called, be changed, and that hereafter it be known and called "Webster Avenue". Approved by the Mayor, March 28, 1855.

Ward  
New York  
Central  
Rail Road On petition of Joseph W. Ward & others trustees under the will of David Henshaw, deceased, of Riggs & Torrey, Andrew H. Ward and others, owners of a certain parcel of land at South Boston, praying this Board to estimate the damages sustained by them by reason of the location and maintenance of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road over their said land, as in their petition particularly set forth, it now appearing that the said Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company have been duly notified of the pendency of said petition, it is Ordered: That the damages occasioned to said petitioners by the location of the said Boston and New York Central Railroad over their land as aforesaid be estimated at the sum of Thirty thousand six hundred and seventy five dollars: and that the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company do give security to the satisfaction of this Board for the payment of all such damages and costs as have been awarded by this Board or as shall be awarded by a Jury for the damages as aforesaid agreeably to the Statutes in that case made and provided.



the persons nominated by the Mayor for Measures of Weights & Measures (as recorded on page 136.) were confirmed by the Board with the exception of Peter N. Walker, William Gallagher and Daniel N. Henshaw, nominated for Dealers of Weights and Measures, and Caleb W. Hartshorn as a Weigher of Bundle Hay - which nominations were referred back to the Mayor.

March 26, 1855.

Hayweighers &

Ordered: That the Committee on Hayweighers

Ordinances consider the expediency of providing by Ordinance that the Hayweighers who now pay a portion of their fees into the City Treasury shall be required to give a Bond for a just and proper return thereof. Sent down for concurrence. March 29. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor. March 31, 1855.

bond.

Ordered: That the Mayor petition Health.

the Legislature now in session for more law whereby the Board of Health may more promptly remove nuisances.

Alderman Dunham offered the following order. Ordered, that the Committee on Public Buildings so alter the cellar entrances to Faneuil Hall and other buildings of the City as to make them conform to the City Ordinance as provided by an order passed the Board of Aldermen March 19, 1855. Read and laid on the table. (See page 169.)

Faneuil Hall  
cellars

Alderman Dunham offered the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on the Market so alter the cellar entrances to Faneuil Hall Market as to make them conform to the City ordinance as provided by an order passed the Board of Aldermen March 19, 1855. Read and laid upon the table.

Market  
cellars.

The Committee on Paving to whom

March 26. 1855. was referred the petition of J. C. & N. Brown report that there is no need of any change of grade, and they are unanimously of the opinion that no leave be granted to construct coal holes as prayed for. Read and laid on the table.

Camphene.

Agreeably to the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Camphene licenses were granted to Emerson P. Dodge, 8 Tremont Street - and R. N. Spalding 8. and 9. Tremont St.

Library.

Alderman Topliff submitted to the Board an Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance relating to the erection of a building for the Public Library - passed Nov. 27. 1854. which provides among other things that one Alderman and two members of the Common Council shall be elected annually on the Board of Commissioners, who with the members now elected at large shall compose the commission on the erection of the Library - and he moved the adoption of the Ordinance - after a discussion upon this question, Alderman Joy moved a reference of the ordinance to the Committee on the Public Library and the Yeas and Nays being required thereon they were taken as follows Yeas - Aldermen Clark, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Joy and Topliff - 6. Nays - Aldermen Cooke, Gould, Sprague, Washburn, Woodberry and Woodman - 6. So said motion did not prevail. The question then occurring upon the passage of the ordinance, and the Yeas and Nays being required, they were taken as follows, Yeas, - Aldermen Clark, Drew, Dunham, Joy and Topliff - 5. Nays - Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Gould, Sprague, Washburn, Woodberry and Woodman - 7. So said Ordinance was rejected.



On motion of Alderman Clark, 161.

the Board took from the table the Ordinance providing for a Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public Library, and concurred with the Common Council in referring the same to the Committee on the Public Library. / See page 152.

Adjourned to Thursday next at three o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twenty ninth day of March, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Ordered: That there be paid Francis to Ebenezer Francis the sum of Two hundred and sixteen  $\frac{69}{100}$  Dollars for land taken to widen Beverly Street, said amount being in addition to the sum awarded him by this Board Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1854. the total being the amount recovered by him in a suit vs. the city for the land so taken, upon his giving to the city a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, March 30. 1855.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police

March 29, 1855. and Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market be and they are  
Unwholesome. hereby directed to prosecute all violations of the law respecting the  
meat. sale of unwholesome meat, especially of calves under four weeks  
old.

Harrington

Agreeably to the report of the Com-  
mittee on Licenses leave was granted to Jonathan Harrington to give  
Exhibitions of Magic &c. at Amory Hall; on the usual conditions.

Simmons.

On petition of Levi Simmons for.

Stable.

leave to erect a stable on Broad Street near Purchase Street, the  
Committee on Internal Health reported that the proposed structure  
is prohibited by law being within one hundred and seventy feet  
of a Church and the Committee have no jurisdiction or authority  
to grant the direction prayed for, and that the petitioner have leave  
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Horn Pond

An order of notice on petition to

Rail Road.

Legislature by the Horn Pond Branch Rail Road Company for  
leave to construct a side track near the Boston and Lowell Rail  
Road passenger Depot in this City was introduced upon the City of  
Boston this day, although it was provided in the order of notice  
that the City should have fourteen days notice prior to the 24<sup>th</sup> of  
March. Whereupon it was Ordered: That the City of Boston waive  
all right to the fourteen days notice on the order of notice on peti-  
tion to the Legislature by the Horn Pond Railroad Company for a  
side track to the Lowell Rail Road in this City: and Aldermen  
Topliff, Joy, and Dunham were appointed a Committee to preserve  
the interests of the City and Harbor in the matter.



Agreeably to assignment the Board 163.

took up the subject of the proposed closing of the sidewalks in front of  
this City and after hearing the opinions and testimony of Messrs. Williams,  
Williams, Edward Dexter, & H. Wakefield, J. P. Herdlike, Charles Thompson  
Thompson and other remonstrants against the measure, the further  
consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next.

The Board next took up the subject of the petition of Anthony G. Shaw and other petitioners for the re-  
moval of the "Shaw-burner" from the street lamps of the City and  
after hearing the opinions and testimony of A. A. Hayes, Messrs Miller,  
Harnes, and Brewer upon the subject, the further hearing was postponed  
to Monday next at five o'clock, P.M.

The Committee on Institutions to whom was referred the orders of last year relative to Steam communication with Deer and Rainsford Islands have considered the same and Report: That after a careful investigation of the cost, and manner of transporting paupers between the City and Deer and Rainsford Islands, they have unanimously decided that it is for the interest of the City to have steam navigation in order to secure a better, and more perfect communication with the City and State Institutions. It now costs the City about eight thousand dollars for the transportation of paupers, sick and well, to the two Islands, including the maintenance of the Hoop, and Quarantine Boat, which vessels will be wholly unnecessary, and may be sold the moment a Steamboat is procured. It is the opinion of the Committee that the present wharf at Deer Island will have to be arranged with piles and platform (at a small expense) to enable a Steamboat to lay at the wharf with ease. The cost of running a

164. Steamboat twice a day to said Islands will be from seven to nine  
March 29. 1855. thousand dollars yearly, and from strong assurances from State  
Authorities, the State will bear a fair proportion of the expense of  
running - which proportion your Committee judge to be one half and  
there cannot be any doubt that the nett expense to the City for run-  
ning a suitable Steamboat as contemplated, will be covered by five  
thousand dollars per annum. There will be no expense to the City for  
wharfage, as the boat can at all state of tide remain, and depart  
from a wharf in Commercial Street, known as Brown's Wharf, which  
is owned by the City, and is used by it as a Hub and Yard. In conclu-  
sion your Committee unanimously recommend the passage of the fol-  
lowing order. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Ordered: That the Joint  
Standing Committee on the Institutions at Deer Island and South  
Boston, be and hereby are authorized to purchase a suitable Steam-  
boat for the transportation of Paupers to Deer and Rainsford Islands -  
and for other purposes, and make such alterations at the wharf at  
Deer Island as they may deem necessary, provided that the whole ex-  
pense of the same shall not exceed Seventeen thousand dollars. -  
Passed. Sent down for concurrence. April 6. Came up concurred. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor April 9. 1855.

House of  
Correction.

The Joint Special Committee on  
Institutions to whom was referred the Rules and Regulations for the  
House of Correction beg leave to submit the same as reported last year  
by a majority of the Committee and as printed in City Document  
No 68. by adding a slight amendment on the 8<sup>th</sup> page on the 14<sup>th</sup> line  
after the words "Board of Overseers" add "or the Mayor of Boston". For  
the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. -  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 31. 1855.



Adjourned to Saturday next at ten and a half o'clock. 165.  
To visit the East Boston School House lots. East Boston  
School House

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Saturday the Thirty first day of March Anno Domini 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Cooke & Gould.

The Board visited the proposed locations for School Houses near Belmont Square at East Boston, and School House having returned therefrom,

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Second day of April, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Gould.

On nomination by the Mayor, Dudley Auctioneer H. Bayley was appointed an Auctioneer of the City.

April 2, 1855. near of the Fire Department concerning a wooden building of illegal dimensions in Fulton Street. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Mein.

Petition of Walter R. Mein for leave to erect a Steam Engine at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines. &c.

Allen.

Petition of B. L. Allen for a Sewer in Levering Place. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Hilliard.

Petition of William Hilliard and others that the ringing of the Charles Street Church bell to denote the hours of the day be discontinued. Referred to the Committee on Bells and clocks.

Bailey.

Petition of J. B. Bailey for leave to give a Sparring Exhibition at the National Academy. April 5 of W. G. Taylor for leave to give a similar exhibition at the same place on Howard Athenaeum April 7. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Morgan

Petition of William Morgan &c for leave to exhibit a "Wild Man" in Howard Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Sealer of Weights.

On nomination by the Mayor, Wil-

liam Gallagher was appointed a Sealer of Weights and Measures - Daniel H. Henshaw a Weigher of Bundle Hay - John Sproul an Undertaker - David G. Clark a Special Police Officer at the New York Central Rail Road Station vice James Starkweather - and William K. Jones Constable vice William Loring resigned.



The Mayor also nominated Peter 167.

A. Walter as a Dealer of Weights and Measures, and Jonas Stratton - April 2, 1855.  
as a Special Police Officer for transportation of prisoners to be paid by Walter -  
fees - which nominations were laid upon the table. Police.

Petition of G. W. Messinger to be Messinger.  
paid for land taken to widen Avery Street in 1851. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Streets.

Petition of Hall J. How and others. How -  
and of John Souther and others that First Street between A and C. Souther -  
Streets may be opened for public travel. Referred to the Committee First Street.  
on Paving.

Petition of Simon Sundry, the Sundry  
chine Co for leave to lay down a portion of their improved Iron Sundry.  
pavement in some street of the City. Referred to the Committee on Iron pavement.  
Paving.

Petition of T. A. Willard to be paid Willard  
for change of grade in the street in front of his house. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving.

Petition of J. M. Plaisted and others Plaisted  
that they be allowed to plant trees in Village Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving.

Petition of Solomon Hall for leave. Hall.  
to move a wooden building from Eliot to West Orange Streets. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving with full power.

It being made to appear Spendthrift.  
to the Board upon representation of George B. Dexter and others the Elmira  
Spear, widow of Aaron Spear, late of South Boston, is a Spendthrift  
and does by excessive drinking so waste and lessen her estate as

168. will endanger the City to a charge for her maintenance and support,  
April 2, 1855. it was Ordered, that the Board petition the Judge of Probate that a  
Guardian may be appointed for said Spear.

Railroad  
crossings. Aldermen Locke, Woodberry and  
Woodman were appointed a Special Committee to represent and  
protect the City's interest before the Commissioners at the State House  
charged with the subject of Railroad crossings in the northern  
section of the City.

Chamberlain  
& Foster. Petition of Chamberlain & Foster  
for leave to hire a parcel of land adjoining the Jail Wharf. Referred  
to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.  
April 6. Came up concurred.

Adams.  
Bread. Petition of Edwin Adams and others  
that Bread may be sold by weight. Referred to the Committee on Or-  
dinances. Sent down for concurrence. April 6. Came up concurred.

Jenkins-  
Woods. Petition of Jenkins, Gorham & of  
Woods, Trull & of the People's Ferry Company, for abatement of  
taxes assessed upon them. Referred to the Committee on the Finance De-  
partment. Sent down for concurrence. April 6. Came up concurred.

Williams.  
cellar  
doorways. On remonstrance of Moses Williams  
and others against closing the cellar doorways in North and South  
Market Streets. Ordered: That the time specified in an order of this  
Board dated March 19<sup>th</sup> last, beyond which no cellar doorways were  
to be permitted to remain open, be extended for thirty days from date  
of this order, at the expiration of which period the City of New York is  
hereby directed to enforce the Ordinance on this subject, under the



direction of the Committee on Paving, who are authorized to sus- 169.  
pend the enforcement of the said Ordinance in such special cases April 2, 1855.  
as to them may seem expedient and necessary.

On motion of Alderman Dunham. Public  
the order authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings to so alter Buildings.  
the cellar doorways of Council Hall and the other buildings of the cellars.  
city as to make them conform to the City Ordinances, was taken from  
the table and passed with the following amendment added to the  
end of said order - (as recorded on page 159, / "and also by an order which  
passed this day in relation thereto." Sent down for concurrence. April 6<sup>th</sup>.  
came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 9<sup>th</sup> 1855.

On the petition of Samuel May. May  
and others. Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, Congress  
on Monday next at four o'clock, P. M., take into consideration the Street.  
expediency of constructing a common sewer in Congress Street near  
Purchase Street, and of apportioning the expense thereof on all persons  
who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer,  
or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit  
thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there  
be heard.

The Common Council having Assessor.  
elected George Jackson as a permanent Assessor in place of William Austin  
elected by this Branch, said action came up for concurrence. Read  
and laid upon the table.

The Common Council having Assistant  
elected Elias Fairbank and Benjamin Storer as Assistant Assessors  
in place of John R. Mullin and Sumner Crosby elected by this

170 Board, said action came up for concurrence. Read and laid up April 2, 1855, on the table.

House of Correction. The Master of the House of Correction reported to the Board the character of the condition of the inmates of that Institution at the present time. Read and placed on file.

Police. The Chief of Police presented to the Board the report of the doings of his office for the month of March. Read and placed on file.

Inspectors of Prisons. The Inspectors of Prisons presented to the Board their annual report of the condition of the House of Correction for the term ending December 1854. Read on the table and ordered to be printed.

East Boston School House. On motion of Alderman Woodman the Board took up the report of Alderman Woodman on the subject of the location of the East Boston School House, as recorded on page 152, (being City Doc. No. 25,) and said report was accepted by the Board. Sent down for concurrence. April 12, came up concurred. Appended to the May 14, 1855.

East Boston School House. The Board also took up the report signed by Alderman Woodman and E. F. Porter (being City Doc. No. 23) and said report was accepted and the question being on the passage of the order appended thereto, the same was amended by striking out the following words "Known as lot No. 13 and a part of 12": at this stage of the proceedings the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M. (See page 141.) 192

Barrell. On petition of J. B. Barrell & others for a lamp in a passageway leading from Mount Vernon Street,



the Committee on Lamps reported that the prayer of the petitioners 171  
be granted. Accepted.

April 2, 1855.

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the communication of George P. Swickburg re-  
garding a bill for wharfage for the Steamer to New Bedford and  
in favor of the purchase of the said wharf and land and that Swickburg  
pay for the sum of \$1500. Said in the title and ordered to be  
printed. (See City Document #27)

The Board again resumed the consideration of the petition for damages by Henry Gardner to the Boston  
and New York Central Rail Road Company and after a further hear-  
ing of the parties, it was again postponed to Monday next at four  
o'clock, P.M.

Moses Williams, Esq., President of the Central Wharf  
the Central Wharf Dock Corporation appeared again to notice  
and objected to the proposed Sewer in Custom House Street entering their  
Dock:—after his statement the subject was recommitted to the Com-  
mittee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Congress Street by taking land of Caleb G.  
Springer and subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets  
with full power.

The Inspectors of Ballast presented to the Board their quarterly report to the month of April. Read and  
sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

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In reply to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department a camphene li-

172. cense was granted to J. P. Williams 46 Union Street.

April 2, 1855.

Library  
Commission.  
Ordinance.

The Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on the Public Library, to whom was referred an Ordinance providing for the establishment of a Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public Library of the City of Boston, having given to it a careful consideration, unanimously recommend the adoption of the accompanying Ordinance in place of the one referred to them. Robert Cowdin, Albion H. P. Joy, Charles Woodberry, David J. Putnam, Elias J. French, Benjamin W. Stearns, Joseph Buckley, Joseph A. Pond. (being City Doc No. 26. with Section 6. erased) Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 3<sup>d</sup> 1855. (See Ordinance recorded in the Book of Ordinances)

Committees  
to report

Ordered: That the further time of three weeks be allowed for all Committees to report on any subjects specially referred to them more than four weeks since, and upon which any report may be necessary. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 3<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Institutions  
at South  
Boston

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances report an ordinance defining the duties of the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 3<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Richards.

J. Avery Richards, Esq<sup>r</sup> having tendered to the City Council the resignation of his office as City Registrar from the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, it was accepted in the Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Ordered: That so much of 173.

the Ordinance on Health as relates to the interment of the dead, April 2, 1855.  
be referred to the Committee on Ordinances with instructions to Health  
consider the same with reference to an uniformity of Funeral Cars  
to be used by the Undertakers: also to consider the importance of so amend-  
ing the Ordinance as to reduce the expense of burying the dead. Passed  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor April 3<sup>d</sup> 1855. Funeral Cars.

Ordered: That the pay of the lion- Police  
stables or Police Officers selected by the Board of Engineers to attend at fires.  
fires be one dollar each, and that no officer receive pay unless he report him-  
self to one of the Engineers at the fire.

Ordered: That the Committee on Summer  
Streets take into consideration the expediency of widening Summer Street.  
Street, by taking land from the Pratt estate for that purpose.

On petition of Patrick Rogers, owner Rogers.  
of land at South Boston, over which the Boston and New York New York  
Central Rail Road Company have located and constructed their said Central  
railroad, praying this Board to estimate the damages sustained Rail Road.  
by him from said location and construction of said railroad, it is  
hereby Ordered: That the said Boston and New York Central Rail  
Road Company be notified to appear before this Board on Monday, the  
sixteenth instant at four o'clock Pm at which time this Board will  
proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for by said petitioner, and  
will also take such other measures in the premises, as are by the  
laws of this Commonwealth provided in such cases.

194.

The Joint Standing Committee

April 2. 1855. on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Foster asking that further time may be given him to comply with the terms of purchase of Lot 63. on Chester Square, having duly considered the subject would in the following order. To the Committee, remain "City Engineer". Resolved. That the prayer of the petitioner be granted upon the express condition, that a dwelling house shall be erected and completed by January 1<sup>st</sup> 1856. to the satisfaction of the Mayor, or of some person by him appointed. Accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Feb 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 9. 1855.

Friend Street                          Ordered: That the subject of ex-  
tension of— tending Friend Street to Union Street, as petitioned for by E. W. Mil-  
liken and others in 1853 and 1854, be referred to the Committee on  
Streets to consider and report thereon.

Subd<sup>t</sup> of Streets. The Superintendent of Streets presented to the Board his report of expenditures on the Streets for the quarter ending April 1<sup>st</sup> 1835. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Shaw The special assignment, the Hear-  
Gas lighters. ing of the Gas Lamp lighters adverse to the use of the "Shaw burner"-  
was laid upon the table-

Shaw. Petition of W. A. Shaw and Parker  
for leave to examine the foregoing Lamp-lighters was read and  
granted by the Board.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at ten o'clock, A.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Fourth day of April, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn, Gould, Clark and Topliff.

At the request of the counsel for the remonstrants the hearing on the subject of the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road was postponed to the first Wednesday in May next at three o'clock, P.M.

Petition of Josiah A. Smith for leave to move a wooden building from Eliot Street to the South City lands. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of F. A. Willard and others that Pembroke Street may be graded &c. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Seccomb and Taylor & others that the "runners" for seamen's Boarding Houses may be subject to Police regulations. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. April 6 came up concurred.

The quarterly report of the Superintendent of the House of Industry to April was read and sent down in Common Council. Placed on file.

The bond of William H. Jones as a Constable of the City was approved by the Board.

April 4, 1855.

Police.

The nomination by the Mayor of Albert W. Scott as a Special Police Officer for the Seamen's Bethel and to attend sales of cargoes of fruit, was confirmed by the Board.

Public.

On motion of Aldermen Sprague the nomination of Peter H. Walker as a Sealer of Weights & Measures, was taken from the table and confirmed by the Board.

Mortgages

discharged.

Ordered: That the Mayor be authorized to cancel a mortgage held by the City against D. & J. S. Hastings for lots of land on South Market Street in 1825 the same having been now fully satisfied.

Mount

Washington

Avenue.

The Chair appointed Aldermen Sprague, Woodberry and Clark on the special Committee on the subject of the acceptance of the Mount Washington Avenue, Bridge, and Street under the order of March 26<sup>th</sup> last.

Watering

roads.

On the several petitions of Charles Leaverly and others to water Streets, the Committee upon Internal Health to whom the within petitions were referred, respectfully report, that the petitioners herein named be licensed to water the streets within named, provided the several petitioners use salt water if so required hereafter by the Committee. Benjamin F. Cooke, Chairman. - Frederick Souden - from Essex to curve on Harrison Avenue. Rowe Street and Bedford Place - from Beach to curve on Euclid. - from Summer to Bedford on Kingston - Clinton, Tyler, Lincoln, Beach, Kneeland from Wash<sup>g</sup> St. to Sea Street, Oak Street, South Street. William Jones - Washington from Canton to Pine - Tremont from Railroad to Eliot. - Dora Street - Garland Street -



Pleasant from Tremont to Washington - Carver Street - Warren Street - Eliot Street - South of Curve on Harrison Avenue - Canton - April 4, 1855  
 Street, East & West - Indiana Place - Asylum and Florence Streets.  
 John Kelly - Staniford, Temple, Blossom, Vine, Merrimac, Haymarket Square - Union, Chamber, Poplar, Allen, Mt. Lean, Ann, Fultury.  
 Daniel Keen - same as last year smiling kindly and adding  
 Central Street and Court Square. J. D. Reinhardt - Washington Street  
 from Milk to Pine - Bromfield Street - Franklin Street - Bedford Street  
 Arch St. Summer St. - Kneeland from Washington to Albany - Old Place,  
 Fenbrop Lane, Aquange Place, Sherard, South Bennett and Juno  
 Streets. Charles Carvily - Milk, Pearl and State Streets - Washington  
 from State street to Milk street. John Hurley - Broad Street, Dock  
 Square - Union and North streets, Blackstone from North to Fulton,  
 Merchants Row. Adam Armstrong - Causeway Street, Tremont Street  
 from Howard to School Street - Leverett Street from Minot to Cause  
 way St. Green from Leverett to Pitts Street - Bowdoin St. Minot St.  
 Court St. from Tremont to Fultury Street. Benjamin Jones marking  
 Chestnut & Beacon Streets, Mt. Vernon St. from Louisburg Square to  
 Charles St. Pinckney, West Cedar, Cambridge, Park, Boylston Streets,  
 Pleasant to Tremont, Tremont from Eliot to School, West, Winter  
 & Walnut Streets. Thomas Garrigan - East Boston Streets. Read and  
 accepted.

Ordered: That the Board hereby Boston Wharf  
 lay out, on that portion of the South Boston Flats, over which the Bos- Streets.  
 ton Wharf Company are allowed to extend their Wharf by the Act, con-  
 tained in Chapter 218 of the Acts and Resolves of the Legislature of  
 Massachusetts, passed April 4<sup>th</sup> 1854, the streets marked on a plan by E.  
 J. Cressbrough, City Engineer, dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1855 entitled "Plan of Streets  
 on Boston Flats" and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen

178 men; so far as the City of Boston has a legal right, under the said  
April 4. 1855. Act, to lay out the said streets: It being understood, that the said  
streets extend entirely across said portion of flats, and are situate  
and described as follows; viz: 1<sup>st</sup> A street fifty feet wide in the direc-  
tion of A. street extended northeastwardly, from First Street, at right an-  
gles with West Broadway. 2<sup>d</sup> A street fifty feet wide parallel with,  
and one hundred feet northwestwardly from the first described street.  
3<sup>d</sup> A street fifty feet wide parallel with, and three hundred feet north-  
eastwardly, from the Harbor Commissioners' Line on the southeastern  
side of Fore Point Channel, measuring on a line parallel with West  
Broadway. 4<sup>th</sup> A street fifty feet wide, parallel with Mount Waverly  
Avenue, and with West Broadway, and five hundred and fifty  
feet northeastwardly from the said Avenue. 5<sup>th</sup> A street fifty feet wide,  
parallel with the last described street, and two hundred and fifty feet  
northeastwardly therefrom. 6<sup>th</sup> A street one hundred feet wide, parallel  
with the last described street, two hundred and fifty feet northeast-  
wardly therefrom, and along the Eastern Avenue. 7<sup>th</sup> A street fifty  
feet wide, parallel with the Eastern Avenue, and two hundred and  
fifty feet northeastwardly therefrom.

Memorandum. The above streets, not having been worked - the  
laying out is void.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



At a Special meeting of the Board  
of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the  
Sixth day of April, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn,  
Bowdoin, Woodman, Joy and Gould.

Alderman Dunham Having the Burials  
led to the Board that a bill is now pending before the Legislature & Burying  
which will essentially abridge the present powers of the Board of Health.   
it was Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor petition the Legisla-  
ture now in session for a further hearing in relation to the sub-  
ject of Burial Grounds and Cemeteries, and particularly in refer-  
ence to the proposed bill on that subject reported in House Document  
No 182 - said bill being one, which conflicts with the rights of the  
Board of Health of this City, as now established. Ordered: That the  
Mayor and the Committee on Cemeteries be requested to attend  
to the foregoing subject forthwith.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Al-  
dermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Ninth  
day of April, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Paron Stevens for an Stevens.  
Innholder's license. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of John Prince for leave  
 April 9. 1855. to lay down asphaltum walks upon the Common. Referred to the  
 Prince. Committee on the Common and Public Squares.

Remonstrance of David Garapen  
 and others against the petition of William Inland and others  
 Bell. that the ringing of the Bell on Dr. Sharp's Church (so called) may be  
 discontinued. Referred to the Committee on Bells &c.

Park. Petition of John C. Park & others  
 for use of Faneuil Hall April 10<sup>th</sup> for a Speee. Referred to the Com-  
 mittee on Faneuil Hall.

Gibson. Petition of Charles Gibson, and  
 Nowell. that S. Nowell to be heard respecting their discharge from the Fire  
 Department. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Knight. Petition of L. D. Knight and oth-  
 ers that a Sewer may be constructed in Quincy Street. Referred  
 to the Committee on Sewers.

Libby. Petition of Richard Libby & others  
 Meridian Street. that the name of Meridian Street may be changed to Broadway.  
 Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Pond. Petition of Benjamin Pond &  
 others that Westing's Street may be macadamized or paved. Referred  
 to the Committee on Paving.

Quincy. Petition of Josiah Quincy and others  
 that the extension of South Market Street may be accepted. Referred  
 Street to the Committee on Paving.



Petition of William Waters  
for leave to move a wooden building from Lewis Street to Border Street. April 9, 1855.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power. Waters.

Petition of Adam Armstrong  
for leave to water certain streets of the city. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Armstrong.

Petition of Henry Brown and Brown  
others for the removal of F. B. Minister from the office of Special Police Minister.  
Referred to the Committee on Police.

Petition of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation for a change in the lines of Otter Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Streets. Boston Roxbury Mill Corp.  
Otter Street.

Petition of J. M. Jones & others  
to be paid for land taken to widen Friend Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Jones.

Petition of Peter Lunbar & Son  
and other truckmen that Friend Street may be extended to Union Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Lunbar.  
Friend Street.

The report of the Superintendent of Health for the quarter ending March 31, 1855, was read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file. Health.

The reports of the officers charged with the care of Truant children, for the quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 1855, were read and placed on file. Truant officers.

Petition of Mary J. Kendall  
that the excavations made by the city adjoining her place may cease, as they endanger her property. Referred to the Committee. Kendall.

182. on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. April 12. Came  
July 9, 1855. up concurred.

Springfield Springfield R.R. company stating that they had appointed Charles  
S. Allen as their attorney in action to pay the taxes assessed in action  
on said corporation, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of this  
Commonwealth. Placed on file.

Congress  
Street. No person appearing to object to the  
proposed construction of a sewer in the termination of Congress Street,  
said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers &c. with  
power.

Auctioneer On nomination by the Mayor,  
Jabez Pratt was appointed an Auctioneer of this City, until Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>  
next.

Com. of  
New York  
Central  
Rail Road. Upon the petition of Henry Gardner  
of Boston praying this Board to estimate the damages sustained by  
him from the location of the Boston and New York Central Railroad  
upon and over his land at South Boston as in his petition more par-  
ticularly set forth - and also to require said Railroad Company to  
give security for the payment of all such damages and costs as  
shall be awarded by this Board or by a jury for the land and dam-  
ages aforesaid, it now appearing that said Boston and New York  
Central Rail Road Company have been duly notified of the penden-  
cy of said petition, it is Ordered: That the damages occasioned to  
said petitioner by the Boston and New York Central Railroad Com-  
pany be estimated at the sum of Sixty five hundred dollars: and  
that the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company do  
give security to the satisfaction of this Board for the payment of all such  
damages and costs as have been awarded by this Board or as

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shall be awarded by a jury for the land or other property taken as 183.  
agreed equally to the parties in that case made and provided July 1855.

On the petition of Frederick Jones.  
Jones and others that the Board would authorize them to erect a Stable.  
Stable in Canton Street the Committee on Internal Health reported  
that the direction and authority prayed for be granted, the petitioners  
assuming all liabilities to damages by reason of the structure use  
and occupation. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police  
advise be and he is hereby requested and directed to report forthwith  
to this Board the names of the several men employed in the Police  
and Watch Departments, and the age, nativity and residence of  
each, the term of residence in this city, and the changes made, if  
any, during the week.

Ordered: That the Joint Spec = Albany  
ial Committee on South Bay Lands be and they are hereby au = Street  
thorized and directed to lay out and extend Albany Street over the extended.  
South Bay Lands to the Roxbury creek, with power to build a  
bridge over said creek for the purpose of completing said Albany  
Street and said Committee are also hereby authorized to commu-  
nicate with the City Government of Roxbury and request that  
Davis Street in said City may be so laid out as to meet said Al-  
bany Street at the Roxbury creek: - The work to be done under the  
direction of the City Engineer and the expense thereof to be charged  
to the appropriation for Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Feb  
19<sup>th</sup> came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 21, 1855.

1874.

April 9, 1872.

Chestnut

Street.

Ordered: That due notice be given to the owners or agents of the vacant lots at the south end of Chestnut Street, opposite Brumans Baths, to abate the nuisances existing on said lots, caused by stagnant water and filth, and in the event that they are not abated in the time specified by law, that the Superintendent of Internal Health be and is hereby authorized and directed, to abate the same and charge the expense to the several owners of said lots.

Wilson

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of J. M. Wilson and others for the use of the Ward-room in Ward eleven, report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, William Washburn, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 12. Came up. concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 14.

1875.

Johnson's

Block

Ordered: That due notice be forthwith given to the owner or owners of Johnson's Block, so called, situated near Malden Street, to abate the nuisances existing on their premises, and in the event that the same are not abated in the time specified by law; that the Superintendent of Internal Health be and is hereby directed to abate the same, and properly provide against a recurrence of the annoyance and charge the same the owner or owners of said premises.

Morgan

On petition of William Morgan 16<sup>th</sup> for leave to exhibit a Wild Man in Howard Street, the Committee on Licenses reported that leave be granted provided the petitioners pay therefor the sum of three dollars. Read and accepted.



The Joint Standing Committee 185.

on Water to whom was referred the petition of J. P. Slack to be paid for April 4, 1855.  
damages sustained by reason of cutting off his supply of water, having Slack.  
heard the statement of the petitioner and the Water Registrar, report  
that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Thomas  
Sprague, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
April 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April  
14. 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee Public  
on Common and Malls consider the expediency of relaying the plank Garden.  
sidewalk along the line of the Public Garden on Brighton Street.  
and of laying down plank sidewalks in front of the said Garden  
on Charles Street, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation  
for Common &c. Approved by the Mayor April 11. 1855.

Ordered: That the existing Ordinance on Public Funds as amended by Ordinances of January  
11<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> last be printed for the use of the City Council.  
Sent down for concurrence. April 12. Came up concurred. Approved  
by the Mayor April 14. 1855.

The Committee on Paving &c. Perham.  
to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Perham for leave to  
erect a Lamp Post in front of the Melodeon in Washington Street,  
reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition of Walter R. Mein for Mein  
leave to erect and run a Steam Engine at South Boston the Committee on Steam Engines &c. reported that leave be granted as prayed  
for. Read and accepted.

April 9, 1855.

City

Printing.

Printing made February 26<sup>th</sup> briefly announced that a contract had been executed with Messrs Moore and Crosby to perform the City Printing. On account of a petition signed by several gentlemen who proposed to contract for the said printing, alleging unfairness in the award of the contract, with their desire that a Committee of Investigation might be appointed to examine into the matter; the Committee on Printing did not present as full a report as they desired at that time. The Investigating Committee having been appointed by the City Council, heard the parties, and reported leave to withdraw; the Committee on Printing now feel at liberty to state what perhaps might have been appropriately stated at the time when their former report was presented. Your Committee felt that they could not allow a public officer, who has so creditably performed the duties of his office for more than a quarter of a century, to pass into retirement without bearing their testimony to the courteous treatment and the gentlemanly disposition which he manifested towards the Committee on retiring, to the willingness he expressed to assist the new contractors, and to furnish them with any and all information in his knowledge, that would enable them to meet the requirements of the City Government; and your Committee express the hope that the future years of association with his fellow men either in public or private capacity, may be spent in the same happy and agreeable manner, which has marked his connection with the different City governments of Boston, during the past twenty seven years, (to use his own language) "without the first unpleasant word or act from any member of the City Governments during the whole period of his connection with them." John M. Clark, Chas<sup>d</sup> O. Rogers. Wm<sup>m</sup> H. Lounsbury - Committee on Printing. Read and accepted.



Sent down for concurrence. April 12. Came up concurred. 187

April 9, 1855.

A majority of the Joint Standing Water Board Committee on Water, to whom was referred an Order, passed Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1855, after due consideration of the whole subject, ask leave to present the following Report: On examination of the Water Accounts, it appears that Thirty thousand nine hundred and twenty nine dollars and seventy four cents was charged to repairs, etc: Thirty one thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars and thirty five cents to extension: Five thousand six hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy four cents for assessments and collecting the water rates, not including rent, fire, lights for the Water Registrar. It also appears that there are four returns made of the time of labors employed on the Works to the Water Board's clerk, who keeps all the books and accounts. Mr. Stanwood has returned during the past year Fourteen thousand one hundred and forty seven dollars and forty six cents: Mr. Dyer, Three thousand six hundred eighty four dollars and thirty two cents: Mr. Wadleigh, Seven hundred seventy dollars and twenty six cents: Mr. Knowlton, Two thousand four hundred forty two dollars and ninety two cents. All applications for distributing pipes are made to the Water Ward. All applications for service pipes are made to the Service clerk, Mr. Dyer; also all applications for shutting off and letting on water for whatever cause are made to Mr. Dyer, and all payments for such services and for extra service pipes are made to him. All sums for land sold, and all sums for any articles and materials on the line of the Aqueduct, or at the repair shop, including all rents for land and buildings, are made to the clerk of the Water Board. There has been paid to those employed at different departments, Nine thousand and twenty eight dollars and twenty six

188. cents not included in the above sums to laborers; there was paid  
April 9. 1855. Sixteen hundred and eighty dollars and twenty eight cents for  
rent on Washington Street; One hundred eighteen dollars and  
twelve cents for fuel; Nineteen dollars and five cents for gas light;  
Two hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty six cents for service,  
taking care of rooms, etc., and Five hundred and fifty five dol-  
lars and fifty seven cents for other purposes. He also find charged  
to miscellaneous expenses, among other items, Five hundred and  
fifty dollars paid to Mr. Hoagland for expenses and time in ex-  
amining and analyzing iron pipes, and One hundred dollars  
each to Mr. Hoagland and Dr. W. Trucken for analyzing Cochituate  
Water. The committee therefore state that as the Water Works are  
completed, and all the claims for land and water rights are set-  
tled, it appears to them that money can be saved to the City, and  
the business more satisfactorily done by a new organization of the  
Water Department. It also appears to them, that, by abolishing the  
Water Board, and by appointing a suitable Superintendent, and  
allowing him proper assistants, that from Six thousand dollars to  
Eight thousand dollars might be saved in the annual expenses.  
They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying  
order. Charles Woodberry, Saml Topliff, Saml W. Ropes, Eben Tarbell,  
Edw<sup>d</sup> W. Hinks. Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances, in  
consultation with the Committee on Water, be instructed to prepare  
an Ordinance in conformity with the foregoing recommendations.  
Alderman Sprague presented a minority report on the same subject  
and on motion of Alderman Dunham both reports were laid on the  
table and ordered to be printed.

Messenger

Ordered: That there be paid to  
G. W. Messenger the sum of Sixty Dollars for land taken to widen



Washington Street, in the year 1851 upon his giving to the City a Deed 189.  
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, April 9, 1853  
costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the  
same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for lay-  
ing out and widening Streets.

On petition of W. G. Taylor, for Taylor,  
leave to exhibit manly exercises at the Howard Athenaeum of John Mackay,  
Mackay and J. A. Taylor, for leave to exhibit the art of J. G. Taylor  
at the National Academy the committee on sciences reported  
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That there be paid to Aris. Wentworth.  
och Wentworth the sum of Nineteen hundred and fifty Dollars for  
land taken to widen Beverly Street, April 30<sup>th</sup> 1854. (two of said lots  
having been taken in the name of Perkins) upon his giving to the  
City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for  
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and  
that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims  
for laying out and widening Streets.

Ebenezer Kenfield was licensed Intelligence  
to keep an Intelligence Office at 18 School Street, on the usual condi- Office.  
tions.

Agreeably to assignment the Library  
Board proceeded to ballot for three commissioners on the erection of Com mission  
a building for the Public Library with the following result. Whole  
number of ballots 12. Necessary for a choice 7. Charles Woodberry 12.  
Joseph A. Pond 11. Farnham Plummer 4. Bradbury G. Prescott 6 Charles  
Nowell 2 and Edward G. Prescott 1. There being one vacancy in  
the Board the ballots were again taken and counted, and upon  
the fourth trial it appeared that Bradbury G. Prescott was chosen.

190 Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. (Vide April 13. 1855,

April 9. 1855.

Mann  
Washington  
Street.

Whereas William H. Mann has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on the corner of Washington and Common Streets in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said William H. Mann that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Monday, the sixteenth day of April instant, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Burt.  
Cross Street.

Whereas Charles F. Burt has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Cross Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Charles F. Burt that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Monday, the sixteenth day of April at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made there-

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Buller

Petition of Josiah W. Buller for an extension of time to build on lot 43 Union Park. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.



Ordered: That the Chief Engi- 191.

neer be and he is hereby instructed to take notice of all buildings April 9, 1855.  
about to be or that may be erected in the City of Boston, & should buildings.  
he consider them unsafe to report them to the City Council. Passed  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and non-con-  
curred.

An order of the Common Coun- Appropriations.  
cil establishing the Specific Appropriations for the Financial Year  
1855 '56 and also an order regarding a fee upon the citizens a day  
in part the proposed expenditures of the City, came up for concurrence.  
Read and Monday next at four o'clock P.M. was assigned for the  
consideration of the same.

The subject of the election of a Affessor  
Permanent Assessor was taken from the table and the ballots being  
taken and counted it appeared that Milton Austin was chosen, this  
Board thereby non-concurring in the choice of George Jackson made  
by the other Branch. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Bowdin Middlesex  
the consideration of the subject of the location of the Middlesex Rail Rail Road.  
Road was assigned for Monday the 23<sup>d</sup> instant, and the papers of  
the last Board were taken up and referred to this Board.

On motion of Alderman Dun- Howe.  
ham the papers in relation to George Howe's claim for damages oc-  
casioned by change of grade in Water Street, were taken from the  
files of the last Board and referred to the Committee on Paving

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Agreeably to assignment the Board  
April 9, 1855. resumed the consideration of the subject of the location of the East  
Boston High School House and the order, appended to the  
School House report signed by Alderman Woodman and E. J. Porter (being city  
Document No. 23 as amended April 2<sup>d</sup>) was passed by the follow-  
ing vote - Yeas - Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould,  
Spague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodbury and Woodman - 11. Nays - Alderman  
Joy - 1. Sent down for concurrence. April 12. Same up concurred, Yeas  
33 Nays 8. Approved by the Mayor April 14, 1855.

Emerson

A memorial of F. Emerson in refer-  
ence to the ventilation of the new East Boston School House, was read  
and placed on file.

People's Ferry.

On motion of Alderman Gould  
the subject of a change in the rate of tolls on the People's Ferry was  
assigned for Monday next.

Engine Co. No. 11.

The Joint Standing Committee on  
Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Engine Co. No. 11.  
for a room wherein to transact the business of their company, report  
that the subject properly belongs to the Committee on the Fire Department,  
your Committee therefore recommend its reference to that Committee.  
For the Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Eastern  
Rail Road  
May

On motion of Alderman Topliff, the  
report of the Committee on Public Lands in favor of the purchase of the  
title of the Eastern Rail Road property (being city Document No. 27)  
was taken from the table - and the Board refused to accept said re-  
port by the following vote - Yeas - Aldermen Cooke, Drew, Gould, Topliff,  
Washburn - 5. Nays - Aldermen Clark, Cowdin, Dunham, Joy, Spague, Woodbury  
and Woodman - 7.



Alderman Washburn offered 193

ing the attention of the Board to the fact that the Mayor as presiding officer of the Board, had appointed a Special Committee on the subject of the Mount Washington Avenue Bridge and that on the public meeting day of April instant doubted the validity of such a proceeding which occasioned a lengthy debate in the course of which Alderman Dunham offered the following order. Ordered: That the opinion of the City Solicitor be taken on the following question: "Under the provisions of the City Charter and the Rules of the Board of Aldermen is the Mayor authorized, when presiding over the Board of Aldermen, to appoint any standing or special Committees of the Board of Aldermen." On the question of the passage of this order it was decided in the negative by a tie vote. Alderman Topliff moved a reconsideration of this vote, which motion was lost by a tie vote.

Alderman Washburn then moved that the appointment of the Special Committee on the subject of the Mount Washington Bridge be confirmed by the Board and the yeas and nays being required on said motion they were taken as follows. Yeas. Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Gould, Sprague, Washburn & Woodman - 6. Nays. Aldermen Clark, Drew, Dunham, Joy, Topliff, and Woodberry - 6. So said motion did not prevail.

On motion of Alderman Dunham a further hearing of the lamplighters respecting the "dark turn" for Street lamps, was granted for Friday next at 11 o'clock A.M. to which hour the Board

Adjourned.

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At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Thirteenth day of the month of June 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Clark, Joy & Cowdin.

Smith

Petition of Simeon Smith for removal of the lamp in Merrimac Street fifty feet north so that it may light Chapel Place. Referred to the Committee on Lamps with full power.

Williams

Remonstrance of Moses Williams against the erection of a wooden stable at 105 Hanover Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs.

Perkins

Petition of J. H. Perkins & others, that the Howard Athenaeum may be opened on Saturday evening next for the benefit of E. Evans. Referred to the Committee on Amusements.

Chamberlain

Petition of Chamberlain & Foster for leave to move two wooden buildings in Charles Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Am. & Foreign  
Pavement Co.

Petition of the American and Foreign Pavement Company respecting their improved Iron pavement. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Railroad

crossings.

Ordered: That the Special Committee on Railroad crossings be authorized to employ counsel to aid them in protecting the City's interests in relation thereto be-



for the Commissioners of the Commonwealth charged with the duty of arranging said railroad crossings. Approved by the Mayor April 13, 1855.

A certificate from the Common Council stating, that Bradbury G. Prescott had resigned his office as a Commissioner upon the erection of the building for the Public Library and that Edward F. Porter was elected in his place, came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared that Edward F. Porter was elected in concurrence.

Ordered: That the Joint Standing Committee on Water be and they are hereby authorized to take charge of the Books and Papers belonging to the office of the Water Registrar on the fourth instant when they will be relinquished by the present incumbent: and that said Committee be authorized to make temporary provision for the performance of the duties of said office until a new incumbent shall be elected, or until some more definite arrangement in respect to said office shall be made by the City Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 13, 1855.

The Board then resumed the hearing of the two Sanitary Committees on the subject of the Shaw burners, and after all the testimony on both sides was completed, the subject was laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Sixteenth day of April. Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Topliff.

Chamberlain

Petition of Chamberlain & Kimball and Doe and others that the lamp opposite Stall 81 in Faneuil Hall Market may be removed. Referred to the Committee on Lamps with full power.

Warren

Petition of J. C. Warren and others for a sewer in the western portion of Chestnut Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Healey.

Petition of Edward Healey to be paid for a coat stolen from him in the Court House, when he was on duty as a jurymen. Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

Boston Gas  
Light Co.

Memorial of the Boston Gas Light Company respecting their contract with the City and especially in relation to the style of Burner now used by the City on the Street Lamps. Read and laid on the table.

Smith

Noble

Murray

Robbins

Bessom

Plaisted.

Petition of Stephen Smith for the grade of Brookline Street; of Samuel Noble to be paid for change of grade in Fifth Street, of J. T. Murray and others for alteration of grades in Princeton and other streets in East Boston; of John M. Robbins for leave to build a Coal Hole in Pleasant Street; of Jonas Bessom for abatement of assessment for a sidewalk in Webster Street; of M. Plaisted and others that a portion of Village and Albion Streets may be graded &c: referred to the Committee on Paving.



Petition of Henry Upham and 197.

others that the name of Bulcoph Street be changed to Irving Street; - April 16. 1853  
of Joseph Gass and others that the name Second Street be changed Upham  
to Napier Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Gass.

Petition of L. G. Grafton and Grafton

others that Warren Street may be extended through Boylston Place Warren St.  
to Boylston Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Abram J. English English

to be paid for land taken to widen Beverly Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Streets.

On petition of Charles Gibson & Gibson

Geo<sup>d</sup> S. Nowell asking to be heard respecting their discharge from Nowell.  
the Fire Department, the Committee on the Fire Department reported  
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the application of S. H. Perkins Perkins

Perkins and others that the Howard Athenaeum may be opened on  
Saturday evening for the benefit of S. Evans, the Committee on Sci-  
ences reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Silas B. Hahn Hahn

for the extension of Paris Street, the Committee on Streets reported a  
reference of the same to the Committee on Paving.

On Stephen Smith's notice of in- Smith

tention to build on Brookline Street, the Committee on Streets reported that  
no action is required upon the lines of said street, but that the subject

198 of the grade be referred to the Committee on Paving. Accepted and  
April 16, 1855. referred accordingly.

White

On Robert White's notice of intention to build on Salem Street, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is required as to the line of said street, but that the subject of coal holes be referred to the Committee on Paving. Accepted and referred accordingly.

Minors

The Committee on Licenses to whom were referred the petitions of James Haley and thirty others (minors) for licenses to sell papers &c. reported that the said boys be licensed to sell papers &c. that the City provide a suitable badge with the word "Licensed" thereon which shall be loaned to the parties licensed who shall pay the sum of one dollar for such license. Read and accepted. (Vide names in the Book of Licenses)

Police

Rolling

The Chief of Police submitted to the Board through Mr. Francis W. Sawyer a circular containing the names, ages, residences and places of birth of the several members of the Police Department, also the number of years they have severally resided in this City. Read and placed on file.

Williams

Burt

The Committee on Internal Health to whom was referred the remonstrance of Moses Williams against the proposed erection of a stable in Cross Street, reported the following order. Ordered: That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be directed to notify (the within) Charles T. Burt that the within structure is being erected in violation of Law and that the laws and ordinances relating to the subject will be enforced. Accepted and the order passed.

Mann

Agreeably to notice William St. Washington Street Mann appeared and objected to the proposed widening of Washington



Street at the corner of Common Street, by taking a portion of his 199.  
land after which the subject was recommitted to the Committee on April 20. 1855.  
Streets with full power.

No person appearing to object to Burt  
the proposed widening of said Street, by taking land of Charles E. Burt, said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets  
with full power.

On motion of Alderman Sprague Water Works  
the report of the Committee on the subject of the Water Works (City  
Document N<sup>o</sup> 30) was taken from the table, and having been accep-  
ted the order appended thereto was passed (as recorded page 187) sent  
down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred. Approved by the  
Mayor April 28. 1855.

Agreeably to assignment the Board Appropriations  
took up the subject of the Annual Appropriations, viz: The Joint Spe-  
cial Committee who have had under consideration the Auditor's Esti-  
mates of the amounts necessary to be raised for the service of the ensuing  
financial year, and the ways and means of meeting the same, beg  
leave respectfully to submit the following statement and the accom-  
panying orders for carrying out their suggestions. In view of the pres-  
ent depressed state of business generally, and the great complaint  
of the excessive tax of last year, your Committee have endeavored to  
place the Appropriations at the lowest possible point to which the  
wants of the City could be reduced; and to tax the citizens for only  
such expenditures as may be considered as coming within the range  
of actual current expenses. With this view, they recommend a de-  
duction from the Auditor's Estimates of the following items, viz:

From Engine Houses,	\$1,500
Public Library,	2,000

200.	Paving, Grading and Repairs of Streets,	50,000
April 16, 1855.	Widening Streets,	50,000
	Unliquidated Claims for same,	<u>10,000</u>

Making a total reduction from the Auditor's Estimates of \$115,500

The three last items of reduction will, in the opinion of this Committee, leave this year's appropriation sufficiently large to cover all the expenditures necessarily required to meet what may be fairly considered as coming within the scope of the current expenditures on these accounts. If anything more should be required, your Committee think such expenditures would come under the head of improvements of a prospective benefit, which might be undertaken the present year, or be deferred to some more convenient period; at any rate, as no money would be found in this Appropriation Bill applicable to such improvements, they could only be undertaken by express authority, obtained at the time, from the City Council; and at that time, it seems to your Committee, would be the most appropriate to provide for them. As there will probably be found in this year's valuation by the Assessors, no increase of Taxable property, either Real or Personal, and as there are in the Appropriation Bill now recommended some items which your Committee consider legitimate subjects of a loan, they would respectfully suggest that the sum of One Hundred and fifty thousand dollars be borrowed towards meeting these expenditures, thereby relieving the citizens this year from an assessment to that amount. Should this plan be adopted by the City Council, the account would stand as follows, viz:

Estimated Expenditures,	\$ 2,426,100
Estimated Income,	<u>617,900</u>
Balance	1,808,200
Loan	<u>150,000</u>



Balance to be raised by taxation \$1,658,200 201.

This would require a Gross Tax of One million, seven hundred & April 16. 1855  
sixty thousand dollars, which, without any increase in the valuation of last year, could probably be realized from an assessment of Eight dollars per One thousand dollars, instead of Nine dollars and twenty cents, which was the rate of 1854. For the Committee,  
J. V. G. Smith, Chairman. An Order relating to the Specific Appropriations for the Financial Year 1855-56. It is hereby ordered by the City Council, That to defray the Expenditures of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk for the financial year which will commence with the first day of July 1855 and end with the last day of June 1856, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby respectively appropriated, for the objects and purposes as explained in the Auditor's Estimates, hereto annexed: that is to say-

Annuities - Four hundred dollars,	400
Americas - Six thousand five hundred dollars,	6,500
Advertising and Newspapers - Four thousand five hundred dollars,	4,500
Bells and Clocks - Fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500
Burial Grounds - Three thousand dollars,	3,000
Bridges - Eight thousand five hundred dollars,	8,500
Boston Harbor - Two thousand five hundred dollars,	2,500
County of Suffolk - One hundred and fifty thousand dollars,	150,000
Common &c - Thirty thousand dollars,	30,000
City Debt - Sixty thousand dollars,	60,000
External Health Department - Four thousand dollars,	4,000
Engine, Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage Houses, including a New House for Engine Company N <sup>o</sup> 13. at East Boston,-	
Four thousand five hundred dollars,	4,500
Fire Department, including the Telegraphic Fire Alarm System -	

202	Eighty seven thousand one hundred dollars,	87,100
April 16, 1855	House of Correction - Fifty four thousand five hundred dollars,	54,500
	Houses of Industry, Reformation and Deer Island Hospital -	
	Seventy thousand dollars,	70,000
	Maintenance of the Department One hundred and twenty thousand dollars,	107,000
	Interest - One hundred and ten thousand dollars,	110,000
	Incidental Expenses - Forty five thousand dollars,	45,000
	Lamps - One hundred and twenty five thousand dollars,	125,000
	Lunatic Hospital - Twenty seven thousand eight hundred dollars,	27,800
	Market House - Three thousand five hundred dollars,	3,500
	Militia Bounty - Thirteen thousand dollars,	13,000
	Overseers of the Poor - Forty thousand dollars,	40,000
	Old Claims - Five thousand dollars,	5,000
	Paving, Grading and repairing of Streets - One hundred and forty thousand dollars,	140,000
	Police - One hundred and ninety nine thousand four hundred dollars	199,400
	Public Buildings - Seven thousand five hundred dollars,	7,500
	Printing &c. - Nine thousand dollars,	9,000
	Public Library - Nine thousand dollars,	9,000
	Reserved Fund - Thirty thousand dollars,	30,000
	Schools - Three hundred and thirty two thousand two hundred dollars,	

#### Grammar and High School Department:

Instructors,	150,700
Salary of Superintendent,	2,500
Salary of the Secretary of the School Committee,	800
Incidental Expenses and ordinary repairs on Houses,	30,000
Extra Repairs and Alterations,	20,000
	<u>212,000</u>



Primary School Department:

203.

July 10, 1855.

Instructors, 78,200

Incidental Expenses, 24,000

Extra repairs & alterations, 18,000 120,200 332,200

School Houses—

Balance required to complete and furnish the  
Houses now-in construction, eighty nine thousand  
five hundred dollars, viz:

Grammar School House at East Boston, 47,000

Grammar School House at South Boston, 29,000

Primary School House, Hull Street, 13,500 89,500

State Tax— One hundred thousand dollars, 100,000

Sewers and Drains— Thirty thousand dollars, 30,000

Salaries— Eighty thousand dollars, 80,000

Unliquidated Street Claims— Forty thousand dollars, 40,000

Widening & Extending Streets— Fifty thousand dollars, 50,000

Water Works, including Interest on Loans— Three hundred  
and forty nine thousand dollars, 349,000

For a Steamboat for the use of Houses of Industry, Corrections:

at Deer Island, Seventeen thousand dollars, 17,000

\$ 2,445,900

Say Two millions four hundred and forty five thousand, nine  
hundred dollars. And it is further Ordered, That no expenditures of  
money for any purpose not contemplated in the present appropriation  
bill, or which may not be fairly considered as provided for in some  
one of its specific appropriations shall be allowed until special  
provision is made therefor by a vote of the city council; provided  
however, that any sums of money which may be subscribed, or  
contributed by individuals, to promote the object of any of the fore

204. going appropriations, and which form no part of the estimated  
April 16, 1855. income of the city shall be strictly applied, according to the inten-  
tion of the contributors, and shall be credited to said appropriation  
accordingly. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor. April 18, 1855

Tax.

Ordered: That the sum of One mil-  
lion seven hundred and eighty thousand dollars be raised on the  
Polls and Estates of the inhabitants of this city according to Law, to  
pay the current expenses of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk  
during the financial year which will commence with the first  
day of May 1855. and end with the last day of April 1856. Passed  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Borrow.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be  
and he hereby is authorized to borrow under the direction of the Com-  
mittee on Finance, the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dol-  
lars, and that the same be applied to meet in part the authorized  
Expenditures of the Financial Year 1855-56. Passed in Common Coun-  
cil April 30. 1855. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.  
Yeas. Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Gould, Jay, Sprague, Wash-  
burn, Woodberry, Woodman, 10. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor,  
April 18, 1855.

Officers.

The Common Council having  
again elected George Jackson as a Permanent Assessor, thereby non-  
concurring with this Board in the election of Milton Austin, said  
action came up for concurrence and the ballots having been taken  
and counted, it appeared that George Jackson was elected in concurrence.



tee on Ordinances submitted to the Board an Ordinance providing - April 16, 1855;  
for the union of the Police and Watch Departments. Laid on the Police  
table and ordered to be printed.

Ordered: That the Assessors, up- Taxes  
on consultation with the City Solicitor, be authorized to abate all taxes illegal  
on personal property, assessed for the years 1853 and 1854 to such persons as refunded  
were not resident in Boston on the first day of January in the said  
years, under the construction given to the Statute of 1852. Chap. 301.  
by the Supreme Judicial Court, in the case of Lee vs. The City of Boston;  
and that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the same, with  
interest from the time of payment. Passed in Common Council.  
came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
April 12, 1855.

Ordered: That a certain con- Whitney.  
veyance, bearing date February 20<sup>th</sup> 1853, by which a certain lot of  
land in Brookline was conveyed to Aaron Whitney, of said Brook-  
line, by the City of Boston, be rescinded, and that the Treasurer be  
directed to repay to the said Whitney all sums that may have been  
paid by him to the said City for the said land, with interest, and  
also to return to the said Whitney all notes given by him to the said  
City for the balance of the purchase money of the said land. Passed  
in Common Council. came up for concurrence. Read and laid up-  
on the table.

The Committee on Ordinances Contracts  
submitted an Ordinance in relation to contracts with City Officers, the City  
which repeals the former Ordinance upon that subject. Read and  
the same was passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 3<sup>d</sup> came up  
non-concurred.





dollars per annum, and the cost of the improvements will not ex- 207.  
ceed One Hundred thousand dollars. Your Committee therefore rec- April 16, 1855.  
ommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee. W<sup>m</sup>  
Washburn, Chairman. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Build-  
ings, in consultation with the Standing Committee on the Market;  
be, and they are hereby instructed to procure plans and carry into  
execution the improvements named in the foregoing Report, together  
with such other improvements, if any, as may suggest themselves.  
Provided, the cost of said improvements shall not exceed One hundred  
thousand dollars. Read, accepted and the order passed. Yeas, Alder-  
men Clark, Crooke, Cowdin, Drew, Durham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Wash-  
burn, Woodberry, Woodman - 11. Nays none. Sent down for concurrence.

On nomination by the Mayor: Police.

Lorenzo Ritterbush was appointed a Special Police Officer on the Lowell  
Rail Road Bridge; and D. C. Norton was appointed a Special Police Officer  
for the neighborhood of Endicott and Prince Streets.

On nomination by the Mayor, Public Auctioneer.

A. Wright was appointed an Auctioneer at 15 Winter Street.

Communication of B. Stone re- Stone

specting the impurities in the Cochituate Water and offering a reme-  
dy therefor. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concu-  
rence. April 19. Came up concurred.

The City Physician's report for the City  
quarter ending March 31, 1855, was read and sent down. In Com- Physician.  
mon Council. Placed on file.

April 16, 1835. Petition of Joseph Urann and another for extension of time on a Bond for land sold to them in Somerset Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred.

Tucker & Co.

Petition of W. F. Tucker & Co. & others that their Water Tax may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred.

Adams

Petition of George C. Adams & others for a modification of the Ordinance on Streets in respect to awnings &c. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred.

Lewis.

Application of John Davis for appointment as an Inspector of Ballast &c. Read and sent down. In Common Council, Placed on file.

Bennett.

Petition of Thomas Bennett, Deputy Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market, for increase of salary. Referred to the Committee on Salaries. Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred.

Slack.

Petition of J. R. Slack to be paid for damages sustained by the shutting off the water from his premises. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred.

Green.

Petition of George A. Green for payment for damage sustained by the explosion of Gas in the cellar of his house, which issued from a City Pipe. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred.



On motion of Alderman Dun-209.

nam the report on the petition of J. E. H. Brown which was laid upon the April 16, 1855.  
table March 26 last was taken up and accepted. Brown

On motion of Alderman Dun: Capen.

nam the report on the petition of Thomas Capen's heirs which was laid upon the table February 26<sup>th</sup> last was taken therefrom and accepted.

The Committee on Cemeteries to South

whom was referred the petition of N. C. Stevens and forty two others, for the Burial Ground.  
removal of the wall and leveling below the surface of the ground, the Tomb  
Tombs in the South Burial Ground fronting on Washington Street, Stevens.  
have heard the petitioners, visited the ground and respectfully Re-  
port: That all the Tombs in said Burial Ground are sadly out of  
repair; they are nearly all above ground and their condition is  
such that the public health is greatly endangered. The stones with  
which the Tombs are built are many of them cracked and started  
from their places by the frost - in some instances so much so, that  
the doors cannot be closed and in others large cracks from which  
the dangerous and unhealthy effluvia escapes almost as freely as  
if the doors were wide open. In their present condition they are a  
public nuisance and demand immediate attention. The large  
and growing population in that part of the city have just reason  
to complain of their unhealthy condition, they should be protected,  
and the public health preserved so far as it can be done by the  
removal of all such dangerous and deadly gasses which fill the  
air from these Tombs. Your Committee recommend the passage of the  
accompanying orders. For the Committee. John M. Clark, Chairman.  
Ordered: That the Committee on Cemeteries be authorized and em-

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April 16. 1855. powered to cause all the Tombs in the South Burial Ground which front on Washington Street, and which are elevated above the level of the ground to be sunk below the same after the expiration of a certain day from the date of this order, unless the same be previously done by the owners thereof. Ordered: That the Committee on Cemeteries be authorized and empowered to remove entirely all the Tombs owned by the City in the South Burial Ground. Accepted & the orders passed. Approved by the Mayor April 17. 1855.

Leaving to  
Congress Street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Congress Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to said J. Leary & Co. bounded as follows, viz: Southwestwardly by Congress Street there measuring forty four feet and  $\frac{58}{100}$  of a foot; Northwestwardly by land of Joel Thayer, five feet and  $\frac{32}{100}$  of a foot; Northeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, forty four feet and  $\frac{93}{100}$  of a foot; and southeastwardly by land of Samuel May, five feet and  $\frac{48}{100}$  of a foot; containing two hundred and forty five square feet, and  $\frac{2}{10}$  of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chesbrough dated April 16<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the said Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Congress Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Thirteen hundred dollars; which sum together with



the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinu- 11  
ances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not April 10, 1855.  
exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor  
April 10, 1855.

Upon the petition of Patrick Rogers  
Peterson praying this Board to estimate the damages oc- New York  
casioned to him by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Central  
Company by the making and maintaining their said railroad ad- Rail Road.  
joining his estate as in his petition particularly set forth, and also  
to require said railroad company to give security for the payment  
of all such damages and costs as shall be awarded by this Board  
or by a jury for the damages aforesaid; it now appearing, that  
the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company have been  
duly notified of the pendency of said petition, it is Ordered: That  
the damages occasioned to said petitioner by the said Boston and  
New York Central Railroad Company be estimated at the sum of  
one dollar, and that the Boston and New York Central Rail Road  
Company do give security to the satisfaction of this Board, for the pay-  
ment of all such damages and costs as have been awarded by  
this Board or as shall be awarded by a jury for the damages as  
aforesaid, agreeably to the Statutes in that case made & provided.

Ordered: That the Auditor of Appropriations,  
Accounts be hereby authorized to transfer from the appropriation for  
the New School House at South Boston, five hundred dollars, and  
add the same to the appropriation for the New Grammar School House  
at East Boston. And that he be authorized to make such further  
transfers, from one appropriation to another, as may be required in clos-  
ing up the account of the present financial year. Resol. Pass. &c.

212 men Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Washburn,  
April 16, 1855. Woodberry, Woodman. 10. Nays, none. Sent down for concurrence. April  
19. Came up concurred. Yeas 37. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor. Ap-  
ril 21, 1855.

Albany Street -

South Cove  
Streets.

The Committee to whom was re-  
ferred the subject of streets in the South Cove and especially the  
subject of bridging Albany Street over the Worcester Rail Road sub-  
mit the following Report: The Committee are much impressed with  
the necessity of some immediate and comprehensive action respect-  
ing all the unaccepted streets on the South Cove and they have given  
on the subject considerable attention and examination. They find  
more difficulties in the premises than they had apprehended, arising  
from the fact that there are many conflicting interests on the territory  
named, and under the present state of the laws on the subject of streets,  
no general rule can be laid down, which will apply to every place  
which is opened to public travel. It is well known that almost every  
street in that part of the City, is crossed by Rail Road Tracks,  
and in many cases, the fee of that part of the streets occupied  
is in the Rail Road Co by purchase of the South Cove Corporation.  
In some instances where the public are allowed to use the streets  
and have done so for many years, they are not public highways,  
and the proprietors of the fee may shut them up at any time. In such  
cases great caution is necessary on the part of the City in accept-  
ing such streets, or in attempting to lay them out, inasmuch as the  
owners of the land may claim heavy damages, and which would  
be out of proportion to the public benefit derived. Albany Street is  
laid out on the plans of the South Cove across the Boston and Wor-  
cester Rail Road Track but has never been open for travel, and in  
point of fact the fee is owned by the Rail Road Co, and if the street



were laid out over the same, it is understood that large damages 213  
would be claimed. The Committee are entirely satisfied however April 16. 1855.  
that the City have rights in the South Cove streets generally, some  
of which ought to be enforced at once and some of which may be  
relinquished without any detriment to the public interests; but for  
such relinquishment the City may obtain substantial advantages.  
In order to this, however, negotiations more or less protracted will be  
necessary, and these cannot be conducted in a satisfactory man-  
ner unless the whole subject is committed to some Committee with  
full powers. It is desirable also and perhaps absolutely necessary, that  
this should be undertaken by a joint Committee of both branches,  
in order that no legal and technical questions may arise in the progress  
of the business from an alleged want of power on the part of those act-  
ing for the City. They therefore recommend the passage of the following  
order. In the Committee, David Cowdin, Chairman. Ordered That a  
joint special Committee consisting of two members of the Board of Al-  
dermen and three members of the Common Council be appointed  
with instructions to investigate the rights of the City in the Streets on the  
South Cove, whether laid out and accepted or otherwise, and with  
full powers to make such negotiations and contracts with parties in-  
terested, in relation to the said streets or any part of them, as said  
Committee may deem for the best interests of the City, and the Mayor,  
under the advice of the City Solicitor is authorized to execute any  
contracts, and to enter into any covenants on the part of the City  
as such Committee may authorize and direct. Provided the total  
cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of Fifty thousand dollars.  
Accepted and the order passed. Yeas, Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew,  
Gunsam, Gould, Sprague, Washburn, Woodbury, S. New. Aldermen Joy,  
and Woodman. 2. And Aldermen Cowdin and Joy were appointed on

214. said Committee. Sent down for concurrence. (See April 18. page 217.)

April 16. 1855.

Butler

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Josiah W. Butler, asking that the time for building on Lot 43 Union Park, be extended to December 1<sup>st</sup> 1855, have duly considered the subject and would offer the following report, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. For the Committee, W. Washburn. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 21, 1855.

Hackney  
carriage  
fares.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Rail Road Coach Company and others for increase of coach fares and the petition of Henry Marsh and others remonstrants, have met and heard the parties on the subject matter of their petitions, have considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee A. K. P. Joy, Chairman. Ordered, that on and after the first day of May next the prices or rates of fare to be taken or paid by the owner, driver, or other person having charge of any Hack shall be as follows that is to say, for carrying one or more adult passengers from one place to another within the city proper thirty five cents except between the hours of eleven o'clock, P.M. and five o'clock, A.M. when the rate of fare shall be fifty cents each. For the conveyance of one or more adult passengers to or from East Boston or South Boston twenty five cents. For children between four and twelve years of age the sum of fifteen cents; and for children under four years of age when accompanied by an adult, no charge is to be made. Ordered: That on and after the first day of May next, the prices or rates of fare to be taken by or paid to the owner, driver, or any other



person having charge of any hackney carriage, (except omnibuses or hacks) shall be as follows; that is to say - For carrying one or more adult passengers from one place to another within the City, above thirty cents each, except between the hours of eleven o'clock P. M. and five o'clock A. M., when the rate of fare shall be fifty cents each. For the conveyance of one or more adult passengers to or from East Boston or South Boston, seventy-five cents. The children between four and seven years of age, one half of the above sum, and children under four years of age, when accompanied by an adult, no charge is to be made. Ordered: That all regulations prescribing the rates of fares for conveyance of passengers in hackney carriages inconsistent with the foregoing regulations, are hereby repealed. Ordered: That every owner or proprietor of each and every hackney carriage to which the foregoing rates apply, shall cause a card, of a suitable size to be placed and kept in a conspicuous position inside of each carriage, on which the foregoing rates shall be printed. Accepted and the orders passed.

Readville  
farm.  
Aldermen Clark offered the following - Whereas, in the opinion of this Board intra-mural interments in the City of Boston are no longer expedient, but are extremely offensive, and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is Ordered that the tract of land belonging to the City of Boston in that part of Dedham called Readville, be and the same is hereby appropriated for a burial ground or cemetery for the use of said City. Read and laid upon the table.

On petition of William Hilliard Hilliard  
and others that the practice of ringing the church bell for the Charles Street  
purpose of denoting the hours of the day may be discontinued, the

216. Committee on Bells<sup>re</sup>, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Morgan-  
Sewers.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains to whom was referred the petition of Enos Morgan and others, praying that the common sewers of the city might be built by contract having considered the subject respectfully report, that in their opinion it would not be for the interest of the City to let out the construction of all common sewers by contract, but when in their opinion it can be done with advantage, they will not fail to take the subject into consideration in the Committee of the Board. Read and accepted.

North & South  
Market Streets.  
Stands in

Aldermen Drew offered the following:—  
Ordered: That the Chief of Police in consultation with the Superintendent of the Market be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to cause all stands or stalls in North and South Market Streets and now rented by the City to be removed on or before the first day of May next. Read and laid on the table.

Assessors  
of the City

The ballots having been taken and counted for two Assistant Assessors for Wards 10, and 12— it appeared that John R. Mullin and Lewis Tucker were chosen, this Board thereby nonconcurring with the Common Council in the choice of Silas Forsyth and Theophilus Storer. Sent down for concurrence. April 19. Came up concurred.

Adams,  
Census.

Petition of George Adams that a census of the inhabitants of the City of Boston be taken on the first day of May next, and that he be authorized to superintend the same. Read and thereupon it was Ordered: That the petition of George Adams to take the census of the City of Boston be granted and that said George Adams with such Assistant Censors, as he may appoint, sub-



ject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen, be and they are hereby em- 217.  
powered to take said Census and that a Committee be appointed, to super-  
-intend and direct said taking - the expense thereof to be charged to the  
appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Resolved  
and Aldermen Cooke, Clark and Sprague were appointed a Special  
Committee on the subject on the part of the Board. Sent down for  
concurrence - all 3 came up concurred and adopted same, the  
entire Board were joined. Approved by the Mayor May 2, 1835.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the  
Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednes-  
day the Eighteenth day of April, Anno Domini, 1835.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn,  
Cooke, Gould and Woodberry.

On motion of Alderman Drew, South Cove  
the Board reconsidered the vote, whereby the report of the special Com-  
mittee on the subject of the South Cove Streets was accepted and  
the annexed order passed - (as recorded on page 212. and on mo-  
tion of Alderman Dunham the subject was laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty third day of April, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Topliff and Drew.

Constable.

On nomination by the Mayor, Thomas L. Migner was appointed a Constable in place of C. J. Merrill resigned.

Police.

The Mayor nominated to the Board the following Police Officers - Francis DeLuce in place of Officer Perkins resigned - Tobias A. Haley in place of Mr. Tate discharged - Charles Coles in place of Mr. Ford resigned - Alvin Lincoln in place of Mr. Guild resigned - Thomas M. Stevens in place of Mr. King resigned - Augustus Blood in place of Mr. Cheney resigned. Read and laid on the table.

Stall

Petition of Hall and Chessman & others that the Lamp opposite Stall No. 1 in the Market may be removed: referred to the Committee on Lamps with full power.

Old North  
Engine Co.

Petition of Old North Engine Company for a change of the name of their Engine. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Chase

Petition of Chase, Prothers, for permission to erect and run a Steam Engine at 385. Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines &c.

West Parish.

Communication from the West Parish Church Square. Viz. that the defects in the existing fence around Lowell Square.



may be remedied &c.; - of John Clifton and others, that suitable gates may be provided for the enclosure around Boston Square. Referred to the Committee on the Common &c. Clifton.

Petition of Albert Richardson and others that a nuisance, caused by a cow kept in rear of N's. Richardson Cambridge Street, may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of J. R. Raymond that Charles F. Burt may be restrained from building a large stable in rear of Cross Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Raymond

John Leaver's notice of intention to build a Stable on Clark Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Leaver.

Petition of Jones, Thrope, Brown &c. Jones and others, that Washington Street may be swept at night and on every night. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Washington St.

Petition of John L. Emmons and others for the use of Faneuil Hall June 24<sup>th</sup> next for a festival of the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge." Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall. Emmons.

Remonstrance of Jeffrey R. Brackett Brackett and of J. L. Dixwell and others against the proposed extension of Dixwell. Warren Street to Myrtle Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Warren St.

Petition of Caleb G. Loring H<sup>c</sup> to be Loring paid for land taken to widen Congress Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

April 23 1852. for abatement of assessments for construction of the Common Sewer in Perry Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Spinning

Petition of Herman A. Spinning

that a Common Sewer may be constructed in the southerly end of K street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Jord-  
Tucker.

Petition of John C. Jord for ap-

pointment as an Agent to sell Liquor of Lyman Tucker for a license to sell Liquors for Medicinal and Mechanical purposes: referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Sevey

Petition of J. A. Sevey for leave to

keep an Intelligence Office at 110 Federal Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Ropes Howe

Petition of Samuel W. Ropes and

Williams June others that Hudson Street may be macadamized - of S. G. Howe and

Wren. July others that the grade of South Street may be raised - of Henry Williams

Willard Fitch that sidewalks be laid in Tremont Street near the Worcester Rail

Parker. Road Bridge - of Deming Jarvis and others that First Street between

Emerson South. and S. Streets may be finished and graded - of Henry Wren

Tremont, First, &c. and others that Washington Street between State & Summer

Washington. Streets be paved with Stone - of J. Wren and others that Chelsea

Chelsea Embankment Street may be improved &c. - of W. A. Willard for leave to plant

Apple Trees in Tremont Street - of James Fitch and others that the pavement

Tremont in Essex Street below Kingston Street may be repaired - of Isaac

Place. Parker and others that Tremont Place may be graded. - Referred

to the Committee on Paving.



Petition of Aaron Reed to be paid 221

for change of grade in Thayer Street; of Lois Smith to be paid for change of grade in Broadway of Ephraim Dodge to be paid for change of grade in Seventh Street of John Mullin to be paid for change of grade in Fifth Street of John Gardner to be paid for change of grade in Seventh Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of William Ward for leave Ward.

to make an opening in the sidewalk at corner of Endicott and Thacher Streets of William Adams and then for leave to close a portion of B. Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving Adams.

Petition of Frederick H. Moore Moore

that the city would adopt his Patent Coal Hole Protector. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Coal Holes.

Petition of the Cambridge Rail Cambridge

Road Company for approval of the proposed manner of laying their tracks in this city. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Railroad.

Remonstrance of Noah Sturtevant Sturtevant

and others against the proposed change of the name of Meridian Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of C. J. Allen for use of the Allen

Broadway Bridge over the Boston and New York Central Rail Road. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Samuel W. Ropes and Ropes

others that Hudson Street may be renumbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

April 25 1852. of the Town of Birmingham requesting a concurrence with the Commission made by the City Council respecting the mode and rate of taxing the City of Boston for its property in that town. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

Union Park. Petition of George Palmer and others that Union Park may be widened at the entrance from Shawmut Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

Hovey & Ryder. Petition of Hovey and Ryder and others for the discontinuance of a certain passageway from Union Park. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

Dunlap. Petition of Lucy A. A. Dunlap for abatement of tax assessed upon her in 1854. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

Fales. Petition of Haliburton Fales that the tax assessed upon him for 1854 may be abated. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

Hoffman. Petition of Moritz Hoffman to be paid for damages sustained by his wife from falling down a cellar doorway in Pleasant Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.



Petition of Patrick Gorman to 223.

be paid for injuries sustained by himself and wife in Pearl Street. April 23, 1855.  
Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. April  
26. Came up concurred. Gorman.

Notice was received from W<sup>m</sup> Sanford.

W. Sanford that on the Sixteenth day of April instant he caused a  
portion of Washington Avenue to be closed by a fence in order to es-  
tablish his claim to the said portion of the Avenue which is owned by  
him. Read and placed on file. Washington  
Avenue.

Petition of Peletiah Harmon and Harmon

Azel Sanborn for appointment as Weighers of Coal - and a petition of French  
John French, & and others that they may be heard before  
any appointments of Coal Weighers are made. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Licenses. French

Petition of Charles Chipman Chipman

to be paid for materials for a new School House at South Boston.  
Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims. Came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of S & H. Ames to be Ames

allowed to do, or be compensated for carpenter's work for a School House  
at South Boston. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on  
Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The ballots having been taken Buildings

and counted for a Superintendent of Public Buildings it appeared  
that Samuel C. Nottage was elected in concurrence. Supt. of

Equally to assignment to Middlesex

Board returned the consideration of the location of the Middlesex  
Rail Road

224 Railroad within the City, and at the request of the counsel for the  
April 23. 1855. demonstrators the subject was postponed to Tuesday the Eighth day  
of May next at four o'clock, P.M.

Plaisied. Leave was granted to J. M. Plaisied &  
Village Street. others to plant trees in Village Street.

Preston On petition of Jonathan Preston  
Davis Street. that Davis Street may be graded &c. the Committee on Paving  
reported that as the work has already been done no further action  
thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Turner. Ordered: That there be paid to  
Job A. Turner the sum of One hundred and twenty three <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars  
for land taken to widen Hanover Street, upon his giving to the City  
a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all dam-  
ages and expenses in consequence of said taking, and that the  
same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening  
Streets.

Noble Ordered: That there be paid to Sam-  
uel Noble the sum of Twenty Dollars for change of grade in Fifth  
Street, upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of  
the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance  
and discharge for all damages and expenses in consequence  
of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the  
appropriation for Paving &c.

Whitcomb- On petition of Levi L. Whitcomb, to  
Moulton- be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Meridian  
Gwire. Street; of Oliver N. Moulton to be paid for damage sustained by  
Stevens change of grade in the same street; of C. Gwire's heirs to be paid  
for damages sustained by change of grade in Silver Street; of James



M. Stevens to be paid for change of grade in Meridian Street; the 225.  
Committee on Paving reported that the several petitioners have leave  
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition of John M. Robbins Robbins  
for leave to build a coal hole in Pleasant Street, the Committee on Pav-  
ing reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On remonstrance of Leukin Thornlike.  
Thornlike against erecting a gasometer in Sumner  
Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read  
and accepted.

On petition of U. W. Sears for Sears  
use of the Public Garden for fifteen days in July next, the Committee  
on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That there be paid to Jones  
J. M. Jones, T. Jones, A. Strong and William Burrage the sum of Three  
thousand six hundred fifty nine and 10/100 Dollars for land taken to  
widen High Street, at the corner of Pearl Street, upon their giving to  
the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge  
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking;  
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out  
and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor April 25. 1855.

On petition of Silas B. Hahn for Hahn.  
the extension of Paris Street, the Committee on Paving reported Paris Street.  
that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, as in the opinion of the  
Committee the abutments on the line of the of the street asked for should  
grade the same. Read and accepted.

On petition of Robert White, &c.  
 April 23, 1855. leave to build a Coal Hole under the sidewalk in Salem Street,  
 White the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioner have leave  
 to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Blake - On petition of George P. Blake &  
 Fourth Street. Others - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized  
 to grade Fourth Street, between K. Street and the Point. Approved by  
 the Mayor April 25, 1855.

Shayer. On petition of Shayer, Hovey &  
 Faneuil Hall and others - Ordered: That the square around Faneuil Hall com-  
 square. mencing at Merchants' Row on the southerly side and terminating  
 at said Merchants' Row on the northerly side, be hereafter known  
 and called "Faneuil Hall Square". Approved by the Mayor April  
 25, 1855.

Gray - On petition of John Gray and others  
 Eutaw Street. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade  
 Eutaw Street, provided the abuttors thereon agree to make no claim  
 for damages in consequence of the grading of the same. Approved by  
 the Mayor April 25, 1855.

Stevens Agreeably to the report of the Com-  
 milltee on Licenses an Innholders license was granted to Paran Stevens  
 for the Tremont and Revere Houses but without authority to sell  
 Liquor. Approved by the Mayor, May 14, 1855.

At-Quire On petition of Farrell At-Quire for  
 abatement of a partment for construction of a sidewalk in London  
 Street, the Committee on Paving reported that no action is necessary.  
 Accepted.



Agreeably to the report of the Com. 227.

Committee on Licenses. William Sullivan and fifteen other boys were li- April 23. 1855.  
censed to sell papers, fruit &c. provided they severally pay the sum of Minors  
one dollar for said license and that a suitable badge be loaned licensed.  
to each of them, to be returned to the Chief of Police. (See names re-  
corded in the Book of Licenses.)

The Committee on Licenses sub- Coalweighers.  
mitted to the Board the recent Act of the Legislature and a pro-  
posed Ordinance on the subject of the appointment of Coalweighers.  
Read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On petition of Edmund Munroe & Munroe  
and Deming Jarvis owners in common of land at South Boston & Jarvis.  
over which the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Compa- New York  
ny have located and constructed their said railroad, praying Central  
this Board to estimate the damages sustained by them from said Rail Road.  
location and construction of said railroad, it is hereby Ordered:  
That the said Boston and New York Central Rail Road Compa-  
ny be notified to appear before this Board on Monday the sev-  
enth day of May next at four o'clock, P.M. at which time this  
Board will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for by said  
petitioners and will also take such other measures in the premises  
as are by the laws of this Commonwealth provided in such cases.

The Joint Standing Committee Lying-in  
on Claims to whom was referred so much of the petition of the Boston Hospital.  
Lying-in Hospital as relates to the abatement of taxes, report that the  
subject belongs more appropriately to the Committee on the Assessors  
Department and they recommend its reference to that Committee. For

228. the Committee, J. Gunham, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent  
April 23. 1855. down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

Jurors.

The Board having selected Eighteen hundred and ninety names of persons qualified to serve as jurors in the several Courts of the County of Suffolk, it was ordered that said names be copied and placed in the Jury Box pursuant to law.

Coal Holes.

The Committee on Ordinances who were directed to report an ordinance concerning Coal Holes, which should embrace more stringent regulations, report, that the subject is one which is already within the control of the Board of Aldermen and that therefore no further action is necessary on the part of this Committee. For the Committee, Benj<sup>r</sup> S. Cooke, Chairman. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

Police

Department. On motion of Alderman Cooke the Ordinance in relation to the Police Department (being City ordinance. Document N<sup>o</sup> 31, was taken from the table and having been amended by inserting the word "said" before Laws in the seventh line of the eighth section, said Ordinance was adopted. Sent down for concurrence. May 17. Came up concurred.

Flour.

Bread.

On petition of Edwin Adams and others that Bread may be sold by weight, the Committee on Ordinances beg leave to report that it is inexpedient to adopt any regulations upon this subject. For the Committee, Benj<sup>r</sup> S. Cooke, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 20. Came up concurred.



Ordered: That the City Engineer 229.

report a plan for a change of the grades of Princeton and other April 23. 1855.  
streets at East Boston as prayed for by Geo. P. Dudley and others, Dudley  
and that said change of grades be adopted by this Board, when Princeton St:  
ever an agreement is made by those abutters who will be effected  
by said change of grades to relinquish all claims for damages &  
will pay for the extra grading. Said agreement to be lodged with  
the City Clerk. Approved by the Mayor April 25. 1855.

The Committee on laying out Hobbs.  
and widening streets to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Newman  
Hobbs and others, requesting that the sidewalk of the bridge over the  
Worcester Rail Road on Harrison Avenue may be widened to the  
line of the building of the street; having considered the matter,  
are of the opinion that the exigency of the case requires that the  
side walk should be widened as prayed for, and they report there-  
fore an Order of Notice on the Worcester Rail Road Company,  
that it is the intention of this Board thus to widen said sidewalk.  
C. J. Woodman, Chairman of Committee. Whereas, in the opinion of  
the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require  
that the sidewalk of the bridge over the Worcester Rail Road on  
Harrison Avenue should be widened, it is hereby ordered.  
That due notice be given to the Worcester Rail Road Company  
that this Board intend to widen the sidewalk before mentioned,  
and laying out the same as a public sidewalk and that Mon-  
day the birthday day of John Adams at four o'clock, P. M. is as-  
signed as the time for hearing any objections which may be  
made thereto. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Resolved: That, in the opinion of  
 April 23. 1855. the City Council of Boston, not only the present wants, but the future ne-  
 cessary of the City, and public convenience of the inhabitants of the City require  
 that the Public Library, and the building to be erected for the purpose of the Public Library,  
 the City of Boston, should be located, together with the City Hall, upon  
 a site now vacant in that part of the City, and that it is  
 the duty of the City Council to keep said tract of land unoccupied  
 by any building except such of a Public nature as may hereafter be  
 required to be located in that portion of the City at no distant day.  
 Ordered: That a copy of the foregoing resolves and this order be trans-  
 mitted to the Public Library Commissioners to the end that they may  
 be enabled, if they deem it proper, to carry out this expression of the City  
 Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Gass. On petition of Joseph Gass and others.  
 Second Street. Ordered: That Second Street, so called, in the westerly part of the City be  
 Napier Street. Hereafter known and called "Napier Street". Approved by the Mayor,  
 April 25. 1855.

Upham. On petition of Henry Upham and  
 others. Ordered: That the street be hereafter known and called  
 Irving Street. "Irving Street". Approved by the Mayor April 25. 1855.

Boston & Roxbury. The Committee on Streets to whom  
 was referred the petition of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation  
 Mill Corporation, the present lines of Otter Street, may be changed, reported the following  
 Otter Street. Order—Ordered: That the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation may  
 change the location of Otter Street, by taking a strip ten feet wide from  
 the east side, and adding a strip ten feet wide to the west side of  
 said street, provided the City shall have the same rights in and over



the street when so changed, that it now has in and over said street, 231.  
and that said change shall be attended with no expense to the City. April 23, 1855.  
Accepted and the order passed

The Committee on Ordinances Police  
who were directed to consider the expediency of establishing the offices Physicians.  
of Station Physicians or of altering the ordinance respecting the duties  
of City Physician, submitted an ordinance in relation to that subject—  
Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Whereas it appears to this Council.  
Board that a nuisance caused by filthy and stagnant water exists Collage &  
upon lots N<sup>o</sup> 125 126 127 situate on Collage and Everett Streets, the Su- Everett Streets.  
perintendent of Internal Health is hereby directed to notify William F.  
Sumner, G. E. Fletcher, and Parkin Thorndike, owners of said lots that  
they cause said nuisance to be abated by drainage or otherwise, with  
in six days from the date of this order, and in default thereof the said  
Superintendent of Health is directed to abate the same at the expense of  
the said several parties.

Alderman Clark offered the South  
following— Ordered: That from and after this day no person for trade or  
business shall use any carts or carriages in the South Burial Ground and  
and laid on the table.

Alderman Joy offered the following— Omnibuses.  
Ordered: That on and after the first day of May next and until  
structure raised, the omnibuses of J. A. Sublime shall stand on the westerly  
side of Washington Street by the South Burial Ground instead of the  
place where they now stand, with the privilege of one coach or omnibus  
on the westerly side of Washington Street by Blackstone Square. Read  
and laid on the table.

Ordered: That the Watch and Police

April 23. 1855. of the City be allowed to carry clubs instead of Watch Hooks, or in addition to their Watch Hooks. Approved by the Mayor April 24. 1855.

Convicts.

Ordered: That the Master of the

House of Correction be and he is hereby directed to detail, under the direction of the Committee charged with the alteration of the Brick Arms House at Deer Island into a New House of Correction, so many convicts as said Committee shall need from time to time, as laborers upon said building:— and said Committee are also authorized to confer with the Directors of said Institution as to the mode of work, the care and oversight of said convicts and to make all definite and proper regulations therefor. Approved by the Mayor, April 24. 1855.

Thaumut

Ordered: That the Committee on

Avenue

laying out and widening Streets consider the expediency of widening Thaumut Avenue at the corner of Camden Street by taking land of the late Isaac P. Davis— and that said Committee be also directed to confer with the Committee on Public Lands in reference to an exchange of land as compensation for said taking.

Haworth

Ordered: That George Haworth

be employed to copy the paintings in Fenwick Hall and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Sent down for concurrence.

May 3<sup>d</sup> came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 5. 1855.

Friend Street

Whereas many persons have petitioned this Board to extend Friend Street in a southerly direction through lands of heirs of Thomas Capon and others to



Union Street and whereas said proposed improvement is not so 233  
urgently required as to call upon the City to pay the entire expense  
of such extension it is hereby resolved: That it will be the duty of  
the City Council to appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to-  
wards said proposed extension, provided the parties most interested  
in the measure will bind themselves to pay all the expense of  
said extension over and above said sum of sixty thousand dol-  
lars. Passed: Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concur-  
red. Approved by the Mayor, April 28. 1855.

Ordered: That the Chief of Streets  
Police be and he is hereby instructed to cause all persons who shall  
hereafter throw into or leave in or upon any street, court, square,  
lane, alley, wharf, public square, public enclosure, vacant lot or  
any pond or body of water within the limits of the City any dead  
animal, dirt, saw dust, soot, ashes, cinders, shavings, hair, shreds,  
manure, or filth of any kind, or any refuse animal or vegetable matter what-  
soever, without a license of this Board, to be notified that the same  
is a violation of the Ordinance on Health and that upon any repe-  
tition of such offence a prosecution will certainly follow and the  
Chief of Police is hereby directed to prosecute all such violations of  
the said Ordinance.

The Committee on Ordinances to Institutions  
whom was referred the order of the City Council instructing them to  
report an Ordinance defining the duties of the Committee on Institu-  
tions at South Boston and Sea Island, report that it is inappropriate  
to report the duties as requested, the powers and duties delegated to  
said Committee being sufficiently defined by their several positions. For  
the Committee. Gen. J. C. Cook, Chairman. Read and accepted.

234. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred.

April 23, 1855.

Norwood.

Ordered: That there be paid to Mr.

Head.

Samuel Norwood and Mr. George E. Head their respective salaries as Permanent Assessors up to July 1, 1855. Sent down for concurrence. May 3<sup>d</sup> came up non-concurred.

Richards.

In order to pay J. Avery Richards, all bills against him in evidence of his quarterly salary of \$100<sup>00</sup> was rejected by the Board.

Cemetery.

Ordered: That the Committee on Cemeteries on the part of this Board with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee to examine and report if any suitable lot of land in the vicinity of Boston can be obtained with the consent of the authorities of the town where said lot is situated, for the purpose of establishing a cemetery on said lot. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred and Messrs Brainard, Rogers and Whitman were joined. Approved by the Mayor April 28, 1855.

Streets  
openings in.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to have the Police Officers in their several districts take notice of every opening made in the streets in their respective districts, and keep in a memorandum book, the place, the date the street was opened by whom and for what purpose. And in case there should be any defect in the highway in consequence thereof, notice at once to be given to the Department of the City or to the Board of the South Boston and East Boston Gas Light Companies, or the party who caused the opening to be made, to cause the same to be forthwith repaired; Also that each Police Officer make return every day of all openings made in the streets of his district to the Captain of the in-



vious Stations, who shall keep a record in their offices of all the open- 235.  
ings made by whom and for what purpose. The Chief of Police is directed to give the necessary instructions to the Police to see that  
no openings are made in the Streets unless permission in writing  
is given by the Superintendent of Streets, except those by the depart-  
ments of the City authorized to make them and the several Gas Companies.

Ordered: That the Committee  
on Cemeteries be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to  
offer to each party, who is the owner of a Tomb within the limits of  
this City, a subsoil lot in some one of the sub-urban cemeteries, on  
condition that all said party's right to his tomb in the City shall be for-  
ever relinquished to the City, to the end that said Tombs may be for-  
ever closed - provided however, that no more than one lot shall be ex-  
changed for one tomb - provided further that said Committee apply  
to the City Council for an appropriation of money for the purchase  
of lots before any final and conclusive papers shall have passed.  
Approved by the Mayor, April 25. 1855.

On motion of Alderman Cowdin the report and order on the subject of the South Cove Streets were  
taken from the table and the question being on the passage of the  
order (as recorded page 213.) Alderman Clark moved to amend the  
same by striking out at & the word "fifty" and inserting in place  
thereof the word "ten" - which motion was adopted, and the order was  
then passed by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Cow-  
din, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Washburn, Woodberry and Woodman - nine -  
Nays, none. And Aldermen Cowdin and Woodberry were appointed  
said Committee on the part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence.  
May 3<sup>d</sup> Came up concurred - Yeas 36. Nays none, and Messrs Mayo,

*Cemeteries*

*South Cove*

*Streets -*

*Clark, Clark*

*bridge*

236. Buckley and Howard were joined. Approved by the Mayor, May 5, 1855.

April 23, 1855.

Local Holes.

Alderman Cooke submitted to the Board a series of rules and regulations for the future construction of ~~new~~ ~~holes~~ in the city which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Independence

On motion of Alderman Cowdin, the order for the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements to celebrate the approaching Anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence was taken from the table and was amended by striking out at A. (on page 78) the word 'seven' and inserting in the place thereof the word 'six' and Aldermen Cowdin, Sprague and Jay were joined. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 28, 1855.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at the City Hall on the twenty sixth day of April, Anno Domini, 1855.

Read

The whole Board except Aldermen Washburn, Topliff, Drew and



Woke Alderman Dunham in the Chair.

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Ordered: That the Committee on Pub<sup>l</sup>ic

Land be authorized to dispose of the City Farm at Readville in Dedham on such terms and conditions as they may deem for the best interests of the City: subject to the approval of the Mayor. Sent down for concurrence. April 26. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 28, 1855.

Readville  
farm.

A communication was received from the legislative Committee on Towns asking for the appointment of a Committee to confer with them on the subject of annexing a portion of the town of Dorchester to Boston - and and Aldermen Dunham, Clark and Sprague were appointed on said Committee with directions to consult the City's interests in said matter.

Washington  
Village,  
Dorchester.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Thirtieth day of April, Anno Domini, 1855.

Ordered

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Drew & Topliff.

On nomination by the Mayor, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, - David C. Meloon, William O. Cheswell, Otis N. Marston, William P. Houston, and David Bryant were appointed Police Officers

Fire  
Police

238. to attend Fires in this City.

April 30, 1855.

Wooden  
Buildings.

A communication from the Mayor covering one from the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department concerning the defects in the law respecting the erection of wooden buildings within this City, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Way

Petition of Samuel A. Way that a lamp may be placed and lighted in Dover Place. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Heard.

Hull.

Petition of John T. Heard, and of Hull, Brothers for renewal of licenses to manufacture and sell intoxicating liquors. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Louie

Petition of L. Louie for leave to give musical entertainments at Williams Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Sewall

Petition of Thomas R. Sewall & others that a Sewer may be constructed in West Chestnut Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Social Law  
Library.

Petition of the Social Law Library proprietors that increased accommodations may be provided for their library in the Court House. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

Degrand.

Petition of P. P. Degrand and others for use of Faneuil Hall May 1<sup>st</sup> for a meeting on the subject of the Atmospheric Telegraph. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.



Petition of Nathaniel Sargent 259  
and others that the City will cover and protect one hundred and fifty feet of Water Pipe in Bremen Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. April 30. 1855. Sargent

Petition of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company for use of Gunpowder Hall and for petition of the Common on the fourth day of June next. Referred to the Committee on June 1st. Gunpowder Hall.

Petition of S. W. Frost that his patent Coal Hole protector may be adopted by the City. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Frost.

Petition of John M. Galigan for leave to move a wooden building at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power. M<sup>r</sup>. Galigan

Remonstrance of Samuel Sanford against the erection of a wooden building by C. F. Burt on Ch. Street. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Sanford

Petition of Jeremiah Williams and others that Mulberry Street be widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Williams

Petition of Jeremiah Williams and others that Hawkins Street be widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Williams

Communication of the Harbor Master concerning the expediency of procuring the several fire boats in the Harbor with Force Pumps to be used in case of fire. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. May 3. Came up concurred. Fire Boats.

April 30, 1855. others for the establishment of a Public Conservatory. Referred to Hunnewell. ~~Whom you and will with~~ such as the Common Council may conservatory. join to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. May 3<sup>d</sup> Came up concurred and Messrs Suter, Ropes and Ricker were joined.

Quinn

Petition of Daniel Quinlan to be paid

Sullivan

for injuries sustained from a defect in the sidewalk in front of his

Costello.

of Timothy Sullivan to be paid for injuries sustained by falling into a cellar doorway in Williams Court; of Bridget Costello to be paid for injuries sustained from a defect in North Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. May 3<sup>d</sup> Came up concurred.

Public Lands

The report of the Superintendent of Public Lands up to the 18<sup>th</sup> of March last was read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

City Clerk

The report of the City Clerk shewing that he had received and paid into the City Treasury for the quarter ending April 30, the sum of Two hundred and seventy dollars and twenty three cents was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file.

City

Registrar.

The report of the City Registrar shewing that he had received and paid into the City Treasury for the quarter ending April 30, the sum of Six hundred and eighty five dollars and twenty five cents, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Port

Physician.

The report of the Port Physician shewing that he had boarded four ships during the quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.



A communication was received 241.

from the engineers of the Fire Department stating that Engines N<sup>o</sup> 6, April 30 1855.  
Relief engine N<sup>o</sup> 11 and engine N<sup>o</sup> 2, of Chelsea, were lost at the engines lost  
great fire on Battery Wharf on Friday last: read and referred to at a fire  
the Committee on the Fire Department.

Remonstrance of C. P. Whipple. Whipple  
read and ordered to be transmitted to the Mayor.

Petition of A. H. Knapp for per- Knapp  
mission to take a Daguerreotype of the Board of Aldermen, read and  
laid upon the table.

The Bond of Thomas H. Mizer Constable  
a Constable of the City was approved by the Board.

Petition of David N. Blaney that Blaney  
the City would reconsider its vote whereby it refused to purchase the E. R. R. Wharf.  
Eastern Rail Road Wharf- laid on the table.

An petition of Thomas Richardson Richardson  
son of Lawrence, N. Y. paying this Board to make the damages New York  
sustained by him in consequence of the location of a portion of the Central  
Boston and New York Central Rail Road over his land at the foot Rail Road  
of Summer Street, it is Ordered: That the said Boston and New  
York Central Rail Road Company be notified to appear, together  
with Melrose Tarnum and Edward Crane, parties in interest, on  
Monday, the fourteenth day of May next, at four o'clock P.M. when this  
Board will proceed to estimate said damages and will take such  
other measures in the premises as to them may seem proper. Read & laid on the table.

Ordered: That the Committee on

April 30, 1855. Public Lands be and hereby are directed to see if any Bills now before the Legislature for enactment, will injuriously affect any rights of the City - and to take such action thereon as they may deem necessary. Bills. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment - at A. add "under the advice of the City Solicitor: but said Committee are not authorized to interfere in behalf of the City with any of said bills which do not injuriously affect the property owned by the City." Sent down for concurrence. May 3<sup>d</sup> Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 5, 1855.

Loan.  
House of  
Correction.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of Thirty thousand dollars to defray the expense of altering the House of Correction for the accommodation of the inmates of the House of Correction in conformity with the order of the twenty seventh of November last. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 39. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Cowdin, Dunham, Gould, Jay, Sprague, Washburn, Woodberry, Woodman. 10. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1855.

House of  
Industry &c.

The Directors of the Houses of Industry and Reformation presented to the Board their report of the condition of these Institutions for the last year - read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Fire Alarms  
Supt<sup>e</sup>

A certificate from the Common Council stating that that branch had elected Moses G. Farmer Superintendent of Fire Alarms. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.



Ordered: That the City Treasurer 2113.

be and he is hereby directed and instructed to cancel the Bonds num April 30, 1855.  
bering 803, 802 and 808. The agreements for the lands for which said Bonds to be  
Bonds were given having been surrendered to the City. Passed in cancelled.  
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor, May 2, 1855.

The ballots having been taken Public Lands.  
and counted for a Superintendent of Public Lands it appeared that Superintendent.  
Robert W. Hall was elected in concurrence.

Ordered: That the Committee Boston Water  
on Public Lands be and they are hereby authorized and empowered Power Co.  
to make such arrangements and exchanges of land with the Boston  
Water Power Company as said Committee may deem for the interest of  
the City. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and laid on the table.

Petition of Job A. Turner that a Turner.  
portion of a passageway from East Canton to Brookline Street may be  
discontinued. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concu-  
rence.

A communication from the Com Fire Arms  
gicers of the Fire Department calling the attention of the City Coun-  
cil to the imperfect manner in which the alarms of fire have been  
given for the last three months. Referred to the Committee on Fire  
Arms in concurrence.

No parties appearing to object to Worcester  
the proposed widening of the bridge over the Worcester and  
upon Harrison Avenue. said subject was referred to the Committee road  
on Streets with full power. bridge

On the notice of intention to build  
 April 30, 1855. by P. O'Ragan on Chester street, the Committee on Streets reported  
 C'Ragan that no action is required respecting the line of the street, but that so  
 much of said notice as refers to the grade be referred to the Committee  
 on Paving. Read and accepted.

Parker On the petition of Isaac Parker. Or-  
 Clement Place. dered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to gravel  
 Clement Place. - approved by the Mayor May 2, 1855.

Adams On petition of William Adams and  
 B. Street. others for leave to close up B. street near the new School House lot, the  
 Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to occupy  
 a portion of said street for the purposes mentioned in their petition. Read  
 and accepted.

Minors Agreeably to the report of the Com-  
 mittee on Licenses Austin Ford and thirteen others, minors, were  
 licensed to peddle goods, wares and merchandize in this City. (See book  
 of Licenses)

Richardson On petition of Albert Richardson for  
 abatement of a nuisance caused by a row kept in rear of N<sup>o</sup> 5 Cambridge  
 Street, the Committee on Internal Health reported that the cause of com-  
 plaint is a private arrangement and not a public nuisance and  
 that the parties have a legal remedy and that the petitioner have leave to  
 withdraw. Read and accepted.

Childrens On the petition of the Children's Friend  
 Friend Society. Society for leave to plant trees in Rutland Street the Committee on the  
 Rutland Street. Common and Public Squares reported that the Superintendent of the  
 Common be authorized to furnish and set the trees as prayed for pro-  
 vided the same are set in such places as the Committee on Paving



may direct. Read and accepted. Approved by the Mayor, May 2, 1855. 215.

April 30, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Winslow Lewis and others in relation to a nuisance on Plymouth Street, informally report that the Committee on Internal Health are of opinion that the City of Roxbury may have the right of drainage at said position - that said City of Roxbury is le-  
gitimately entitled to said nuisance and our Committee in the following order. For the Committee, Ben: F. Cooke, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on Internal Health are hereby authorized with full power to take such action in the premises by conference with the City Government of Roxbury or otherwise as they may deem proper & expedient. Accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, May 2, 1855.

On petition of C. J. Allen for the use of the Broadway bridge over the Boston and New York Central Railroad, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted. Read and accepted. Allen

On petition of William Ward for leave to make an opening in the sidewalk at corner of Thatcher & Wendicott Streets - the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted on condition that the opening is constructed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. Read and accepted. Ward.

On petition of Chase Brothers for permission to erect and run a steam engine at 383 Washington Street the Committee on Steam Engines reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted. Chase

Ordered: That the Superintendent

April 30. 1855. of the Market be directed to take all necessary measures to remove  
Hunt. Hiram Hunt from the premises he now occupies as a tenant of the City.

Vote. On petition of Morrill Cole and others  
Chelsea Street. that Chelsea Street may be improved &c. the Committee on Paving reported  
that Chelsea Street has been levelled but that it is inexpedient to  
gravel the street at the present time. Read and accepted.

Jones On petition of Jones, Shreve, Brown & Co.  
Washington and others that Washington Street may be swept at night, the Com-  
Street. mittee on Internal Health reported that the prayer of the petitioners be  
granted; that said street be swept between the hours of ten at night and  
seven in the morning except in the night preceding and following  
the Lord's day during such months as may be deemed expedient. Ac-  
cepted. Approved by the Mayor May 2. 1855.

Hillard. Leave was granted to Francis A. Wil-  
Pembroke Street. land to plant trees in Pembroke Street.

Burl. Alderman Woodman moved that  
Charles J. Burt be notified to appear before the Board on Wednesday next  
and show cause why a building now in progress of erection by him  
should not be abated as a common nuisance by virtue of the powers  
given to the Mayor and Aldermen by the Acts of 1847 Chapter 132.  
Laid on the table.

B. Ordered: That the Superintendent  
Street of Streets be authorized to pave B. Street from Broadway to Fourth  
Street in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such  
projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also,



to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance 247.  
with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor May 2. 1855. April 30. 1855.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police B. Street.  
be directed to notify the abutlers on B. from Broadway to Fourth  
Street to lay their fire-escapes with brick within twenty days.

Ordered, That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to repave Blackstone Street from North to Kenow-  
er Streets, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he  
shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of  
said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into  
said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances  
of the City. Approved by the Mayor, May 2. 1855.

Whereas Archibald Wentworth and Isaac Wentworth  
H. Hazellon have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect  
buildings on the corner of Sudbury and Hawkins Street, in the said  
City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience  
of the inhabitants require that the said Street should be widened  
at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Order-  
ed, That due notice be given to the said Wentworth and Hazellon that  
this Board intend to widen the Street before mentioned, by taking a strip  
of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out  
the same as a public Street, and that Monday the 27th day of  
May next at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing  
any objections which may be made thereto.

Ordered: That the Superin-  
tendent of Streets be authorized to repave Devonshire Street from State  
Street

to Water Streets and make such changes in the grade of said Street  
April 30, 1855. as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the  
line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all open-  
ings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the  
Ordinances of the City. . Approved by the Mayor, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Franklin  
& Federal  
Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of  
Streets be authorized to repair so much of Franklin and Federal Streets  
and make such changes in the grade of said Streets as he shall deem  
necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Streets  
as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Streets  
which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.  
Approved by the Mayor, May 2, 1855.

Commercial  
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of  
Streets be authorized to repair Commercial Street from North Market  
St to Clinton Streets, and to make such changes in the grade of  
said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such pro-  
jections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also,  
to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in ac-  
cordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor,  
May 2, 1855.

Charter  
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to repair so much of Charter Street as he  
shall deem expedient and make such changes in the grade of said  
Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections  
on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close  
all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance  
with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor May 2, 1855.



Ordered: That the Committee on Streets consider the expediency of continuing Charles Street as it is now passed by the Legislature and to report upon what terms and conditions the parties will release their rights to land and flats for said street - also to report a plan of said street as authorized by the Legislature.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to pay to the Town of Chelsea, the sum of \$100.00 for the fire engine belonging to said town and employed in rendering efficient aid in extinguishing the fire on Battery and Lincoln's Wharves, on Friday last, and the expense of the time be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department. Approved by the Mayor, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets is hereby requested and directed to notify the owner of the estate adjoining the Thirteenth Congregational Church on Harrison Avenue to lay a sidewalk thereon and in the event that the same shall not be so laid by the proprietor, the said Superintendent is authorized to construct the same and charge the expense to the proper person or persons. Approved by the Mayor, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1855.

On motion of Alderman Jay, the order of this Board assigning a new stand for Hathorn's line of Omnibusses (as recorded on page 231, was taken from the table, and having been amended by striking out at N. the word "first" and inserting the word "fifteenth," was passed.

Ordered: That the Committee on Institutions at South Boston and New Ward be directed to consider the expediency, and if deemed expedient to provide that the





consideration of the whole subject, your Committee could not feel justified in recommending the opening of a road when it was likely to involve a heavy expenditure when the public necessity and convenience did not require it. In view of the above conclusions the Committee would therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, C. T. Woodman, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Special Committee on the Mount  
part of this road to whom was referred the subject matter of Mount  
Washington Avenue have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following Report: That the Committee with the City Engineer have examined the bridge across Fore Point Channel, which appears to have been completed in accordance with the contract; the Avenue from Sea Street to the bridge, and from the bridge to Granite Street, and Granite Street, have not been filled up to grade, but as the Avenue is so nearly completed and the Committee on the part of the Boston Wharf Company have agreed to complete the said Avenue & Street to grade without delay, and to secure the permanency of the wall at the easterly end of said bridge for five years from date of said agreement, the Committee therefore recommend that said Avenue and Granite Street be accepted and the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, Tho<sup>s</sup> Sprague, Chairman. Ordered: That the Bridge and Avenue from Sea Street to Granite Street and Granite Street, be and the same are hereby accepted by the City, provided, the City Solicitor shall be satisfied as to the title of said Bridge, Avenue, and Street Accepted and the order passed.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at three o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Second day of May Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Schmitt, Clark, Jay, and Gould, and Woodman.

Metropolitan

and

The subject of the location of the Metropolitan Railroad within the limits of the city was taken up by the Board and a letter from the President of the Corporation, asking for a postponement of the consideration of the subject on account of the absence of their counsel William Whiting Esq. having been read, it was voted, that the subject be postponed to the twenty third day of May inst. at ten o'clock, A.M.

Whitney.

On motion of Alderman Sprague the order of the Common Council respecting the rescission of a sale of land to Aaron Whitney (as recorded on page 205) was taken from the table and this Board concurred in the passage of the same with the following amendment. Strike out a "1. st." after "Ordered", and insert as follows - viz: That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to repay to Aaron Whitney all moneys paid by him, with interest thereon, for a certain deed of land in Brookline conveyed to him by the City under date of 1st March 1855, and also to return to the said Whitney all notes given by him to the City for the balance of the purchase money of the said land. He and Whitney having recovered in the City the said land, and the same having been resold by the City to Charles Heath of Brookline with another parcel of land adjoining. Sent down for concurrence. May 3<sup>d</sup> came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor May 4. 1855.



Alderman Bowdin moved to recon: 253.

After the vote whereby this Board amended the order of Common Council May 2, 1855.  
instructing the Committee on Public Funds to attend to such Bills before Legislation  
the Legislature as will affect the rights of the City - and the Yeas and Nays  
Nays being required on said motion they were taken as follows - Bills  
Yea - Aldermen Cooke, Bowdin, and Washburn 3. Nays, Alder- Funds  
men Dew, Dunham, Sprague, and Woodberry 4. So said motion  
did not prevail.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Seventh day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present;

The whole Board except the Chairman and Alderman Topliff.

In accordance with the rules Alderman Dunham acted as Chairman  
pro tem.

On nomination by the Mayor Joshua Hayweigner.  
B. Hayden was appointed Hayweigner at the South Scales.

On nomination by the Mayor - Special  
Charles R. Butler was appointed a Special Police Officer to clear Police.  
obstructions in lanes, alleys and streets to facilitate the progress of  
the City Carts.

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On nomination by the Mayor,  
May 7, 1855. George Hill was appointed City Crier for the year ending April 30  
City Crier. 1856.

On nomination by the Mayor.  
Fire Police. Oliver L. Roberts was appointed a member of the Fire Police.

Mahoney. Petition of Edward Mahoney and  
others for statement of a nuisance in Market Street. Referred to  
the Committee on Internal Health.

Hydrant  
Co. No. 6. Petition of Hydrant Company No. 6  
for the adoption of the name of "Deluge Hydrant Co. No. 6" Referred to  
the Committee on the Fire Department.

Shuckford. Petition of Richard Shuckford and  
others for the removal of the sewerage from the street sewer. Referred  
to the Committee on Sewers &c.

Goodnow. Petition of Luther Goodnow's Execu-  
tor respecting his estate in Causeway Street under which a sewer  
is located. Referred to the Committee on Sewers &c.

Jacoby. Petition of Moses Jacoby that the cir-  
cumstances connected with the robbery of his store in Le mont Temple  
may be investigated. Referred to the Committee on the Police.

Tracy. Petition of William Tracy for  
leave to exercise a certain medical activity at a new building of the  
city. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.  
Tracy. Petition of Tracy for leave to exercise his medical activity at a new building.  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



Petition of Abram Hunt that 255

he may be allowed to retain his stand at the Market, referred to the May 7, 1855.  
Committee on the Market. Hunt

Petition of Joseph Goodedge for Goodedge.  
payment of land taken from him in Braddon Square and Court.  
Hud. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of R. G. A. Shackford Shackford  
and others and of James A. Kelley and others for a new street paral- Kelley.  
lel with Prescott Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of C. M. A. Twitchell Twitchell  
and others, that the East Boston Bridge may be opened, or other commu- East Boston.  
nication had with Chelsea. Referred to the Committee on Bridges. Bridge.

Petition of B. A. Greene and others Greene  
for the use of Faneuil Hall, May 29 wherein to hold the Annual Festival  
of the Unitarian Association. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Petition of P. M. Crane and others Crane.  
for the completion of Orleans Street north of Maverick Street of R. H. Sol- Sollier-  
lier and others for the removal of a building from the corner of County Street.  
that of a woman who wishes to be paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Dorchester Street, of the South Boston Shade Tree Association Shade Tree  
for leave to plant trees in the sidewalk north of the same. Referred to the  
the Committee on Paving. Association

Agreeably to the recommenda- Minor  
tion of the Committee on Licenses, Patrick Carr and eight other minors  
were licensed to peddle papers &c. under the rules adopted by this Board.  
See their names recorded in the Book of Licenses.

Agreeably to the reports of the Commit-

tee on the subject of the purchase of land for a site for the  
Faneuil Hall. Dequand and others for a meeting of the friends of the Atmospheric He-  
ating apparatus on the 24th of June next and also a portion of the Common for the same day,  
to John H. Emmens and others on the 25th of June next for a meeting  
of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

Intelligence  
Office. J. A. Levy was licensed to keep an Intel-  
ligence Office at 110 Federal Street, on the usual conditions.

Chamberlain. A license was granted to the Cambridge Bridge to Chamberlain and Astor for one year, eleven months  
and five days from April 25. 1835 for the sum of One hundred & fifty  
dollars per annum was approved by the Board.

School  
Committee. A message was received from the School  
Committee announcing that a vacancy exists in that body caused  
by the resignation of J. Henry Davis Esq. of Ward 7 read and placed  
on file.

Sturtevant &  
Ludbury Streets. No person appearing to object to the pro-  
posed widening of Sturtevant and Ludbury Streets by taking land of  
Wentworth. Wentworth and Hazellon, said subject was recommitted to the Com-  
mittee on Streets with full power.

Munroe  
& Jarvis. Agreeably to notice the Boston and New  
York Central Rail Road Company appeared by their Attorney S. W. Bates,  
& at the request of said Company and of Munroe and Jarvis and  
the parties in interest the further hearing on the subject of the same was  
continued to May 28th instant at four o'clock, P.M.



Communication from the Com 257

mittee on Public Buildings charged with the erection and alteration May 7, 1853.  
of the Sims House at Deer Island into a House of correction stating House of  
that for reasons therein mentioned an additional appropriation will correction.  
be necessary amounting to Twelve thousand dollars. was read, accept-  
ed and sent down. May 10. Came up concurred.

The Grand Junction Railroad & Grand

~~of the City of Boston~~ a railroad over certain real estate in the said City of Boston, as well and eastern  
appear by their location filed in the City Clerk's office of said City May 20. 1853.  
1853, under the Act of the Legislature of May 21, 1852, they elect to, and  
do withdraw said location, in part, and abandon the same; namely,  
they hereby withdraw and abandon all of the said location made by  
them over any land lying in the City of Boston, between Causeway and  
Eastern Rail Road Co. by Mr. Thorndike Mr. Wilcox Mr. S.  
Suckerman. Boston May 3<sup>d</sup> 1855. Read and placed on file.

John A. Bradford, Esq. the Hayweigher's report.  
at the Northern Scales reported that he had received for the quar-  
ter ending April 30<sup>th</sup> the sum of Seven hundred and fifty eight dol-  
lars and fifty eight cents - fifty per cent of which he has paid into the  
City Treasury. Read and sent down. In Common Council placed  
on file.

The Superintendent of the Market should.  
reported that for the quarter ending April 30<sup>th</sup> the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred  
forty two dollars and ninety one cents. Read and placed on file.

The report of the City Clerk for the year ending January 1<sup>st</sup> 1855 whereby it appears that he had taken charge of six hundred and twenty three children was read and placed on file.

Police.

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of April was read and placed on file.

Censors.

George Adams who was duly authorized to read a report containing the names of persons nominated to the Board William Hamlet, George Sampson, Thomas Adams, John Jackson, Hiram B. Haskell, Charles Fletcher, Isaac W. Kintner, James Cox, Darius A. Martin, Nathaniel J. Pennock, Alvin P. Knapp, Lewis Kent Richard E. Merritt, John J. Hamlet as Assistant Censors and requested their approval by the Board. Read and said nominations were approved accordingly.

Wentworth.

Ordered: That there be paid to Mr. Beverly Street, John Wentworth the sum of Three hundred and seventy four & <sup>100</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars in addition to the sum allowed him by the order of Ninth of April last for land taken in the name of Alfred Perkins, to widen Beverly Street upon his giving to the city a Bond for the same as an acquaintance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, May 8, 1855.

City

Business

The ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Oliver A. Spurr was duly elected City Assessor in concurrence with the Common Council.



heretofore made with sundry persons by the City of Boston for the conveyance of certain lots of land in Boston, it has been provided, among other things, that the buildings to be erected on such land should be set back a certain distance from the streets on which such lots are situated, and the deeds given in pursuance of such agreements have contained conditions to the same effect, requiring the buildings to be set back a certain distance from the streets, but in many cases have also contained a clause modifying such condition, and providing that the swelled fronts and the steps of such buildings should be allowed to project beyond the said line, and whereas the officers of the City by whom such deeds were executed may not have been legally authorized, in some cases, to make any such alteration or modification of the original agreements, it is therefore, Ordered, that all such deeds and conveyances be and the same are hereby fully ratified and confirmed, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver, in behalf of the City of Boston, any deed or other instrument which may be necessary to confirm the title of any of the purchasers or holders of said land, and to execute and deliver the same in accordance with the intent of all the stipulations and provisions in such deeds contained, and it is further Ordered: that the Mayor and the Superintendent of Public Lands be and they are hereby authorized to make such modification of said condition as before mentioned and to insert a provision to that effect in any deed hereafter given by the City of Boston in pursuance of any agreement in which such a condition is expressed. Passed in common Council. Came up for concurrence Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 2. 1855.

May 7. 1855

Deeds

from the City  
changes in.

Ordered: That the Committee on

May 7, 1855.

Light

Battery

Armory.

Public Buildings be and are hereby authorized to cause alterations & additions to be made in the building situated on Cooper Street for the accommodation of the Boston Light Battery Company, not to exceed the sum of three thousand dollars, and to be charged to the appropriation for the Reserved Fund. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor.

May 8, 1855.

Hobbs &amp;

Russell.

The Joint Standing Committee on

Public Lands having received from Messrs Hobbs & Russell an application for the purchase of land on Springfield Street, and as the fifteenth section of the Ordinance respecting the Public Lands, forbids any member of the Committee from being directly or indirectly interested in any contract, bargain, sale, or agreement in relation to Public Lands without the approval of the City Council, the Committee recommended the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Turnham Plummer.

Ordered: That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands be and they are hereby authorized to sell to Messrs Hobbs & Russell lots A<sup>o</sup> 99, 100, and 101 on Springfield Street, on such terms and conditions as said committee shall deem expedient for the interest of the City. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 8, 1855.

reward

authorized.

Resolved: That the Mayor and Aldermen be requested to offer a suitable reward for the arrest or information that should lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons that entered the residence of Mr. J. H. Davis, A<sup>o</sup> 109, Everett.

That, with felonious intent &c. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 8, 1855.



Ordered: That a Reward of Two 261.

hundred dollars be offered by the Mayor for information which shall May 7, 1855.  
lead to the detection and conviction of the person who feloniously broke the Reward  
and entered the dwelling house of Jfa Lewis N<sup>o</sup> 109 Everett Street on the offered.  
night of the twenty third of April last. Approved by the Mayor, May 8, 1855.

Ordered: That Aldermen Wood- Funeral  
berry and Sprague with such as the Common Council may join be paraphernalia  
a Committee to examine the present condition of the Calafalque and Calafalque  
other paraphernalia used by the City of Boston at the funerals of Truchary  
Taylor and other distinguished men, and to report what disposition  
ought to be made of the same. Sent down for concurrence. May 10, came  
up concurred and Messrs Brainard, Tyler and Gove were joined. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor, May 12, 1855.

Ordered: That the Directors of Reformation  
the Houses of Industry &c be and they are hereby directed to remove House of  
the boys from the Stone building on Broadway to the building recent- new-  
ly occupied as an Alms House, which building is hereby declared  
to be a House of Reformation for the detention and instruction of  
juvenile offenders, vagrant children and truants - and said Directors  
are hereby authorized to make such alterations and repairs on the  
Old Alms House building, as will suitably adapt the same to  
the purpose of a House of Reformation, the expense to be charged to  
the appropriation for Houses of industry &c. Sent down for concurrence  
May 17, came up non-concurred.

Ordered: That the Directors of House of  
the Houses of Industry &c. remove from the brick building at Deer Correction  
Island into the wooden buildings on said Island all the inmates at Deer  
of said brick building under the charge of said Board of Directors. Island.

262. said brick building having been appropriated by the Mayor and Aldermen  
May 7. 1855. as and for a House of Correction - and having been ordered by the City  
Council to be altered for such assigned purpose. Ordered: That the Direc-  
tors of the Houses of Industry &c be and they are hereby authorized and  
directed to cause such alterations and repairs to be made in the  
wooden buildings on Deer Island as shall comfortably and suitably  
adapt them for the accommodation of the inmates and officers of  
the House of Industry the expense to be charged to the appropriation  
for the Houses of Industry &c. Ordered: That the Directors of the Houses  
of Industry &c, after the removal of the inmates under their charge from  
the brick building as provided in the foregoing order, be and they are  
hereby directed to surrender the care, custody and charge of said build-  
ing to the Overseers of the House of Correction. Passed. Sent down for  
concurrence. May 17. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May  
18. 1855.

City  
Physicians  
Ordinance  
On motion of Alderman for the Ordin-  
ance in relation to City Physicians (being City Dec. N<sup>o</sup> 35) was taken  
from the table, and was amended as follows - 1<sup>st</sup> at the end of Sect. 1.  
add as follows - not exceeding however the sum of two hundred  
and fifty dollars per annum for each physician: and in case of  
absence or illness of such physician, a substitute shall be desig-  
nated by him, who shall be compensated by the physician so em-  
ploying him. 2<sup>d</sup> at the commencement of Sect. 12, insert "So much  
of an Ordinance passed Aug 20. 1850 as relates to the creation and  
duties of City Physician and." The Ordinance was then passed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Coal Weighers  
Ordinance.  
On motion of Alderman for the Ord-  
inance in relation to Weighers of Coal was taken from the table and  
was amended as follows (City Dec. 36). In the first line of Sect 2. insert



the word "five" before cents and the word "that" after it - and at 203.  
the end of Sec. 2. add and said certificate shall contain the gross weight the bar and number of the cut in which the same was weighed. The Ordinance was then passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair the gutters and reset the edge stone in May Street between West Centre and South Russell Streets and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all projections on the line of said Street; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor, May 2. 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of J. A. Turner, asking that a portion of a passageway leading from East Canton to Brookline Street may be discontinued, also the passageway in the rear of his lots and running parallel with the above named streets, be extended through to Harrison Avenue, have duly considered the same and would recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Joseph L. Drew, Chairman, Pro tem. Ordered: That the prayer of the petition be granted, provided, that he cause a survey of all parties interested in said passageway, to a paper satisfactory to the City Solicitor; also, to give in ten feet of his rear land, and to pay the same price for such portion of the discontinued passageway as was paid by him for land purchased on Brookline Street of the City April 1<sup>st</sup> 1854. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 10. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 12. 1855.

May 7, 1855.

Union Park

The Joint Standing Committee on

Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of George Palmer and others, asking for a change in Union Park, by widening its entrance from Shawmut Avenue, have fully considered the subject, and are satisfied of the importance in having said entrance widened, as the sharpness of its curves, where the streets on each side converge, is dangerous for public use, they therefore recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Joseph A. Drew; Chairman, Resolved: That the entrance to Union Park from Shawmut Avenue, be widened ten feet on each side; the price to be paid by the city for said land not to exceed the sum paid by its present owners, and provided that the abutters shall agree to set their houses when erected, ten feet back from the new line, and do all the filling and grading. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 10. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor,

May 12 1855.

Harms.

The Committee on Fire Alarms to

whom was referred the communication of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and his Assistants, have had that subject under consideration and respectfully ask leave for further time to report in full. In the mean time the Committee would recommend the passage of the following resolution. Resolved: That the Chairman of the Committee on Fire Alarms be, and is hereby directed, to

That the Superintendent of Fire Alarms be, and is hereby directed, to cause the bells connected with the Fire Alarm Telegraph to be struck at an alarm of fire the number of District where the fire may be located, three times, then thirty consecutive blows, after that the number of the District again, until sufficient alarm is given. And the said Superintendent is further ordered to notify the Chief Engineer and his Assistants, the Chief of Police and his Deputies, with timely notice of the day and hour that the above change of alarm is to go into operation. And the



aid Superintendent is requested to publish said notice in all newspapers that are paid for publishing the City Ordinances. That it is further ordered, that the Chief Engineer, and the Chief of Police be directed to notify their several subordinates in conformity with the above order. Passed: Sent down for concurrence. May 10. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 12, 1855.

The First Standing Committee on Slacks. Order to whom was referred the petition of J. R. Slack to be paid for damages sustained by shutting off the water from his premises, Report: That whereas it appears that this subject matter has been investigated by a sub-committee on Water and the petitioner having been heard before the full committee, they are of the opinion that the subject matter now properly belongs to the Committee on Claims. They recommend that the petition be referred to the Committee on Claims. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. May 10. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 12, 1855.

The First Standing Committee on Hovey & Ryder Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Hovey and Ryder and others, praying for the discontinuance of a certain passageway leading from Union Park, having duly considered the subject, would recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Joseph L. Duw, Chairman. Resolved: That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, provided they obtain a release from all parties interested in said passageway, to a paper which shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor. Passed: Sent down for concurrence. May 10. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 12, 1855.

The First Standing Committee on Brann on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Brann, First Dep. Sec.

and the Board of Education, and the Board of the City of Boston.

And, having considered the subject respectfully recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, C. J. Woodman. Ordered: That the time of payment of the sum of Thirty two thousand dollars by the Trustees of the First Baptist Society, which was due to the City on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April last for land sold by the City to said Society, be extended from one year from said day of payment to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next. May 16. Same approved: Approved by the Mayor, May 12, 1855.

Quimby.

Franklin Fund

The Chairman of the Board to whom was referred the application of Geo. Quimby for a loan from the Franklin Fund, and the report of the Board, and the report of said Quimby are sufficient. It is therefore recommended that the sum of \$1000 be loaned to said Quimby and be paid for by him. William Washburn. Read and accepted. Approved by the Mayor, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Warrants for  
ward meetings.

Ordered: That warrants be issued for the meeting of the legal voters of the City of Boston in their respective wards on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and there to give in their ballots for the ratification or rejection of either or all of the proposed Six articles of Amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts adopted by the Legislatures of 1854 & 1855. All the votes on said Articles to be deposited on one ballot: pursuant to resolves of the Legislature of Massachusetts, approved by the Governor May 1<sup>st</sup> 1855. - Also calling upon the citizens of Ward No. 1 to give in their ballots at the same time for one member of the School Committee in place of J. Amory Davis, Esq. resigned. The Polls to be kept open until four o'clock, P.M.



Petition of Benjamin B. Mussey 267  
and others for use of Faneuil Hall. Aug 31<sup>st</sup> for a Universalist Festival. - Aug 7, 1855.  
Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall. Mussey.

The Committee on Paving to local holes  
whom was referred the petitions of G. J. Hyland, William Appleton, & Hyland  
W. A. Brown for leave to construct local holes, reported that in accord- Appleton.  
ance with their previous action on this subject, the petitioners have Brown  
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Alderman Woodman offered local holes  
the following order: - Ordered: That hereafter no portion of any land that widened.  
taken by the City for the purposes of widening or extending streets  
shall be used for the construction of local holes, grated windows or  
cellar doorways (except such as are now allowed by the Ordinances  
of the City). Read and laid on the table.

The Committee on Paving on Washington  
the petitions of Brown, Bazin &c and others for the repaving of Wash- Street  
ington Street between State and Summer Streets, with Iron; and George pavement.  
W. Warren and others for the repaving of the same portion of said Street Brown, Bazin &c.  
with "Nicholson's pavement." have after due consideration unanimously Warren.  
agreed that it would be well and judicious to fairly test the various  
kinds of pavement, and would accordingly recommend that Wash-  
ington Street from State Street to Winter Street be repaved with Terry's  
Iron pavement, Nicholson's pavement, and round or cobble stone.  
The different kinds of pavement will then be laid down at the  
same time on the main thoroughfare of the City on the portion of that  
avenue most travelled over, and each will of course be thoroughly  
tested. Your Committee would therefore unanimously report the ac-  
companying order for adoption. For the Committee, J. Luskum Jr. Ordered:

268. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave Washington  
May 7, 1855. Street from Court Street to School Street with Terry's Iron blocks; from School  
Street to Bromfield Street with Nicolson's patent pavement; from Bromfield  
Street to West Street with round or cobble stone. The price of the Iron pave-  
ment not to exceed Six dollars per square yard including all the ex-  
penses of laying the same. The price of the Nicolson pavement not to ex-  
ceed Two dollars and twenty five cents per square yard including all the  
expenses of laying the same. The whole work to be executed under the  
supervision and direction of the Superintendent of Streets. The grade  
of the pavement now upon Washington Street to be removed at the  
expense of the City in addition to the amounts above specified. The  
whole expense of the above mentioned repaving to be charged to the ap-  
propriation for 1855 &c. In executing this order the Superintendent of  
Streets is authorized to make such changes in the grade of Washington  
Street as he shall deem necessary and to remove all obstructions  
on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all  
openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with  
the ordinances of the City.

Adjourned to Tuesday 'tomorrow' at four o'clock PM.



A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the eighth day of May - anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Tophitt, Clark, Gordon, and Sprague.

Agreeably to assignment the subject Middlesex of the location of the Middlesex Railroad within this City was taken up and at the request of the remonstrants the consideration of the subject was postponed to Wednesday the 23<sup>d</sup> instant at three o'clock P.M.

Petition of Isaac Livermore for leave to move a wooden building in Charles Street to the West Boston Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Licenses, William Thompson was allowed to exhibit a certain natural curiosity at Amory Hall; and J. B. Ball was allowed to exhibit a Panorama of America at Amory Hall.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the fourteenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dunham and Kelly.

Kelly.

Petition of Martin Kelly to be assisted

Mott.

in raising his house to the grade of Shawmut Avenue; of Joshua Mott to

Dunham.

be paid for damages sustained from the change of grade in Broadway;

Hubert.

of Isaac Dunham to be compensated for damages sustained by change

of grade in Arnold Street; of Peter Hubert, Jr. to be paid for damages

sustained from the change of grade in Shawmut Avenue near Arnold

Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Lincoln.

Petition of W. Linscott and others

Williams.

that Seneca Street may be graded; of Henry Williams and others that a

plank sidewalk may be laid in Tremont Street, west of the Worcester

Railroad Station. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Harmon.

Petition of Walter Harmon and others

May Street.

that the name of May Street may be changed to Mt. Auburn Street.

Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Warren.

Petition of George W. Warren & Co. &

others that Washington Street between West and Bromfield Streets may

be paved with the "Nickelson Pavement." Referred to the Committee

on Paving.

Bishop.

Petition of Charles J. Bishop & others

that Cherry Street may be better lighted. Referred to the Committee on

Stamps.



271.

May 14. 1855.

Emerson.

Wien.

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Steam Engine.

No 17222

Coleridge.

Gerrish

St. Matthews

Church

Trinity Church.

Referred to the Committee on Cemeterys.

Bucall\_

Adams

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272. mon Saver. Referred to the Committee on Saver and Drains.

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Holman

Petition of R. W. Holman and others that the sewer in Webster Avenue may be relaid. Referred to the Committee on Saver and Drains.

Bucall.

Remonstrance of W. K. Bucall and others against the proposed closing of a passageway from Brookline to East Canton Streets. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. May 17<sup>th</sup> came up concurred.

Chief  
of Police.

On nomination by the Mayor Albert Taylor was appointed Chief of Police for the year ensuing.

North & South

Market

Streets

Stands in

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the subject of the removal of the oyster and other stands from North and South Market Streets and the question being on the passage of the order of April 16<sup>th</sup> last it was amended by substituting 21<sup>st</sup> for the 15<sup>th</sup> before the word May. Alderman Sprague then moved a postponement of the subject for two weeks, and the 15<sup>th</sup> and May being required thereon they were taken as follows - Yeas - Aldermen Cooke, Bowdin, Jay, Sprague and Woodberry 5. Nays - Aldermen Clark, Dier, Gould, Washburn, and Woodman 5 - so said motion did not prevail. Alderman Jew read to the Board the petition of William B. Loring and others for the removal of these stands from said streets - and he advocated the passage of the order, when the subject, on motion of Alderman Clark, was laid upon the table.

Broad Street.

Alderman Woodman offered the following order - Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave Broad Street from Bread Street to India Street on Indian



~~Things~~ and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the city. Read and laid on the table. 273 May 14, 1885.

Alderman Gould offered the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Bridges be authorized and directed to repair so much of the East Boston and Chelsea Free Bridge, as lies within the town of Chelsea, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for County Accounts. Read and laid on the table. East Boston Chelsea Free Bridge.

A certificate from the Common Council stating that that branch had elected Charles Robbins Master of the House of Correction, came up for concurrence. Read and laid up on the table. House of Correction.

Petition of Timothy G. Kendall & others that the building for the Public Library be erected on the Public Garden. Referred to the Committee on the Library in concurrence. Kendall Library.

Petition of the Trustees of the Public Library for additional room for the temporary deposit of Books &c. Referred to the Committee on the Public Library in concurrence, with full powers. Public Library more room.

The ballots having been taken and counted for an Auditor of Accounts, it appeared that Elisha Copeland was elected in concurrence with the Common Council. Auditor.

Ordered: That an additional appropriation of Twelve thousand dollars be made to prepare the House of Correction. House of Correction.

274. House at Deer Island for the reception of the inmates of the House of Correction, in conformity with the order of the Board of Aldermen of November last; and that the Treasurer with the concurrence of the committee on Finance be authorized to borrow that sum. Passed in common Council Dec 31. Ayes none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Courten, Drew, Gould, Hy, Sprague, Washburn, Woodberry, and Woodman 10. Ayes none. Approved by the Mayor, May 16. 1855.

Police Station.

N<sup>o</sup> 4.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings having obtained proposals, in the manner provided by the ordinance of the Board of Aldermen, for alterations and improvements at Station House N<sup>o</sup> 4, find the present appropriation for that purpose, of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to be insufficient in the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars. Your Committee therefore, ask for an additional appropriation of the last named sum with a view to complete said improvements. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the alteration and repair of Police Station N<sup>o</sup> 4, said sum being in addition to the amount authorized to be expended by an order of the City Council in March last, and to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings. Passed in common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 16. 1855.

Anderson

Petition of Anderson and Lanergan for the contract to furnish fireworks for the City on the Fourth of July next. Referred to the Committee of arrangements for that day, in concurrence.



and County Treasurer submitting to the City Council his accounts for the May 14, 1855. financial year 1854-55. was referred to the Committee on the Treasury Department in concurrence. Treasurer.

Petition of Henry Sperry to be allowed to pay for land in Camden Street, by mortgages of brick buildings, was referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence. Sperry.

Petition of Benson Spearwill & others that the Public Library may be located upon the Public Garden, was referred to the Committee on the Library in concurrence. Spearwill.

Oliver M. Spurr, Esquire, City Messenger, announced to the City Council that he had appointed Joseph Edwin Hunt, as Assistant Messenger, in conformity with the Ordinance in relation to that office. In Common Council, read and approved, same up for concurrence. Read and concurred: Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Goodin, Grew, Gould, Jay, Sprague, Washburn, Woodberry, and Woodman. Ten Nays none. Messenger - assistant.

Ordered: That a special Committee of five be appointed on the part of this Council, with such as the other branch may join for the purpose of considering the expediency of selling the building known as Council Hall. Said Committee to report to this Council as early as practicable. In Common Council, passed and Messrs Bell, Hall, Hummer, Tuler & Gore were appointed said committee on the part of that branch. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Woodman, Gould and Grew were joined. Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1855. Council Hall Market.

May 11. 1855. did the Ordinance in relation to coal weighers which passed this  
 Coal weighers Board May 7<sup>th</sup> as follows. In Sec. 1. line 4. insert "the Board of Aldermen  
 Ordinance. instead of the Board of Aldermen." and instead of  
 "this." In Sec. 2. line 3. between "ton" and "of" insert "not less than five hun-  
 dred pounds." In Sec. 2. after the word "weight" as added by this Board May  
 7<sup>th</sup> insert "and the clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall keep a record of the names of the  
 weighers in which name is called, a number of  
 tons and fractions of tons and the kind of coal weighed by him during the  
 quarter, together with the amount of fees received for the same. In Sec. 3.  
 line 2. after "coal" insert "and no person acting as clerk, servant, factor  
 or agent for a coal dealer shall act as a clerk, servant, factor or agent for a coal dealer  
 without the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen." approved by the Mayor May 16 1855.

Supt<sup>l</sup> of  
 Sewers.

The ballots having been taken for a  
 Superintendent of Sewers it appeared that Charles B. Weiss was elected.  
 Sent down for concurrence. May 17. Came up concurred.

Munn  
 Washington  
 Street.

Resolved, That the safety and conve-  
 nience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Washington Street  
 should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, &  
 lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land be-  
 longing to William H. Munn - bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by  
 Common Street, there measuring five feet and  $\frac{100}{100}$ ; Westwardly by  
 the present line of widening of Washington Street, namely six feet and  
 $\frac{100}{100}$ ; Southwardly by land of the Heirs of John Redman, five feet and  
 $\frac{100}{100}$ ; and easterly by the present line of Washington Street, being six  
 feet and  $\frac{100}{100}$ ; containing one hundred and ninety seven square  
 feet and  $\frac{10}{100}$ ; more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the



intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose 277.  
aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore May 11. 1855.  
Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same  
hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said  
city according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Westborough  
dated May 14<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office of the said Aldermen. And  
this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Washing-  
ton Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Nine hundred and eighty five  
dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of precious  
alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present mu-  
nicipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor, May 16. 1855.

Resolved, That the safety and con-venience of the inhabitants of the city require that Cross Street should  
be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take and lay  
out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belong-  
ing to the heirs of Mrs. Hannah Kincade, and occupied by Charles  
Westborough as follows: To wit: Beginning at the corner of the said  
Cross Street and Washington Street, and running easterly and southerly  
wardly by land of Samuel Sanford, one foot and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a foot; and southerly  
wardly by the present line of Cross Street, thirty four feet and  $\frac{32}{100}$  of  
a foot; containing fully three square feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a square foot,  
more or less. And Whereas due notice has been given of the inten-  
tion of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,  
as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered,  
That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is,  
taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said city ac-  
cording to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Westborough dated

May 11, 1855  
men. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening  
the said cross street, as aforesaid, will amount to One hundred Sev-  
enty five dollars; which amount is the amount of esti-  
mates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, dur-  
ing the last municipal year. And the sum of five hun-  
dred dollars. Approved by the Board, May 10, 1855.

Libby  
Sturdevant.  
Meridian Street.  
The Committee on Paving to which  
was referred the petition of Richard Libby and others that the name  
of Meridian Street may be changed to Broadway and the remon-  
strance of Noah Sturdevant and others against the same would  
respectfully report that it is inexpedient to change the name of  
Meridian Street. For the Committee, Chas<sup>r</sup> H. Woodman. Read and  
accepted.

St. Mary  
Street.  
Ordered: That the Superintendent of  
Streets be authorized to pave Winthrop Street and that the expense  
thereof be added to the appropriation for Paving and that the same  
be given by the several houses on the street and guide at meter  
is. Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1855.

St. Mary  
Broadway  
On petition of Helgar Nelson and  
others. Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Mon-  
day next at four o'clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency  
of constructing a common sewer in Broadway from I. street to K street  
and of apportioning the expense thereof on all persons who may enter  
their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more  
remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: any person making  
objections thereto, will then and there be heard.





280. the same as a public street - and that Monday, the twenty first day May 11, 1855. of day current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Harvard Hall

Harvard

Harvard

Harvard

In reply to the reports of the Committee on Harvard Hall the use of the Hall was granted to William C. French and others for the twenty first day of May instant - to Benjamin H. Greene and others for the twenty ninth of May instant - to B.B. Mussey and others for the thirty first of May instant; on the usual conditions.

Liquor Law

Temple House

Alderman Cooke offered the following order - Ordered: That the Chief of Police be and he hereby is directed to commence proceedings under the Act concerning the Manufacture and Sale of intoxicating liquors by complaint against and seizure at, the Temple House, Boston, upon obtaining reasonable proof of the violation of said Act by the Proprietors. Alderman Woodman moved to amend said order by striking out all between A. and B. and inserting "Moses Williams" when the subject was laid upon the table.

Louis

Leave was granted to Le Louis to give musical entertainments at Williams Hall on condition that he employ such Police Officers on the premises as the Chief of Police shall require.

Allen

On petition of B.L. Allen for a Sewer in Loring Place, the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. (See June 18, page 376.)

Sewall

On petition of Thomas R. Sewall and others for a sewer in West Chestnut Street, the Committee on Sewers



reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, said street not having been accepted by the city. Read and accepted.

May 11, 1855.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor buildings respecting wooden buildings, having fully considered the same, recommend that the ordinance be amended with the city streets, as required to prevent the erection of buildings which will more effectually prevent the erection of buildings which endanger the neighborhood. Read and accepted.

On petition of Hydrant Co. Hydrant  
No. 6, for the adoption of the name of Hydrant Company No. 6. No. 6.  
The Committee on the Fire Department agreed that the petition of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby authorized to extend the street  
Common Sewer in Maverick Street as far towards low water mark as may be deemed necessary by the Committee on Sewers & Drains. sewer.  
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to Joseph Coolidge the sum of Thirty nine hundred and twenty dollars Court Street.  
for land taken to widen Bowdoin Square and Court Street, June 12<sup>th</sup> Bowdoin  
1854 upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquit- square  
tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in conse-  
quence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appro-  
priation for laying out and widening streets. Approved by the Mayor,  
May 16, 1855.

1855. On the petition of Samuel S. Spinney that a common sewer may be constructed in the western portion of Spinney, the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. (See June 18, page 376.)

To Boston

to many

On petition of the South Boston Trade Tree Association for leave to plant trees in the sidewalks at South Boston, the Committee on Paving reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

Boston.

On petition of J. C. Warren and others that a sewer may be constructed in the western portion of Chestnut Street, the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Camphene

Agreeably to the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Camphene licenses were granted to J. H. Houghton at Washington Street, J. H. Houghton at Washington Street, J. H. Houghton at Washington Street, J. H. Houghton at Washington Street, J. H. Houghton at Washington Street.

Camphene

Committee.

Aldermen Sprague and Joy were excused from serving on the Committee on the celebration of the Fourth of July, at their own request, and Aldermen Gould and Clark were appointed on said Committee in their stead.

Adjourned to Friday next, at five o'clock, P.M.



At a Special meeting of the 283

Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday  
the fifteenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Hasbroun, Green-  
ham, Topliff and Clark.

Petition of King, Dexter & others, King  
for an abatement of a nuisance caused by the overflow of the tide into India Street.  
The callers in India Street was referred to the Committee on Internal  
improvement.

The order that was offered yesterday should  
now to pave Broad Street from Broad Street to India Street, having been Street.  
advised from the tide is abated by raising it up, a India  
Wharf and was adopted. Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1855.

Alderman Cooke offered the following India Street  
ing order. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health duly notify  
the parties named in the petition of King, Dexter & others to abate  
the nuisance on their premises, and in the event that said parties  
after due notice shall fail to take immediate means to remedy the  
evil in such event the said Superintendent is hereby authorized and  
empowered to abate the same in such way and manner as he may  
deem expedient and proper and charge the expense thereof to the owners  
of said estates. Read and laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Friday next at five o'clock, P.M.

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At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the Eighteenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Lunkham, Topliff, Sprague, Gould, and Woodberry.

Grand

Fifteen traverse jurors drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Alderman Cooke the Board then

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty first day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and Aldermen Drew, Cowdin, Woodman, Woodberry, and Cooke - There being no quorum the Board adjourned.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Twenty third day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Mayor, Aldermen Drew, Cowdin, Woodman, Woodberry, Joy, Gould & Cooke.

Sup<sup>t</sup> of Lumps.

The Mayor nominated to the Board W<sup>m</sup> Burnside as Superintendent of Lumps. Read and laid upon the table.



On nomination by the Mayor, Lu. 283.

Her A. Ham, and Ezekiel Earl were appointed and confirmed as May 23, 1855.  
First and Second Deputy Chiefs of Police - and Horace G. Barrows was con- Police.  
firmed as Clerk of the Police Department.

On nomination by the Mayor, Police.

James Shonick was appointed a Special Police Officer at the Providence Police.  
Rail Road Station in Pleasant Street, and Rufus C. Buckett was ap-  
pointed a Special Police Officer for the neighborhood of City Wharf.

Petition of the Wardens & Vestry Christ's Church.

of Christ's Church that the order forbidding interments under that edifice  
may be revoked. Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Petition of Fred. C. Prince and others. In re

that permission be given to lay out the street with the street pavement. Special Committee then  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Edward A. Porter and Porter

others, that Saratoga Street may be opened across the Eastern Rail Saratoga Street.  
Road track. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of James A. Bean and Bean

others that a cess pool may be constructed at the corner of Concord  
Street and Shawmut Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

A communication from the Mayor. Unre-  
called.

calling the attention of the Board to the provisions of a statute recently Tombs  
passed by the Legislature whereby individuals whose names are  
are forbidden to use them for the purpose of burials, was read and referred  
to the Committee on Cemeteries.

- May 23. 1855. Remick Petition of Benjamin Remick to be paid for closing the entrance to his estate on Vine Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.
- of Pharmacy Petition of the Massachusetts Association of Pharmacy that its accredited members in Boston may be appointed agents re under the recent liquor law. Referred to the Committee on Liquor.
- Bird Petition of W. H. Bird and others that Hanson Street be graded and lighted. Referred to the Committee on Paving.
- Eastis. Communication from William T. Tremont St: Eastis in regard to the dangerous condition of Tremont Street, from want of barriers at the sides thereof, south of Dover Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.
- Stone. Petition of Elisha Stone and others that the name of May Street may be changed to that of Otis Street and a remonstrance of Edwin G. Page against changing the name of May Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.
- Page May Street.
- Pimental Petition of Edward Pimental and others for lamps on Sixth Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.
- Williams Petition of Henry Williams that Tremont Street south of the Worcester Rail Road Bridge may be watered. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.
- Smith Petition of James S. B. Smith and others for removal of obstructions from the Purchase Street drain. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.



Petition of Joseph L. Kenshaw and 287

others for the use of Council Hall, Jan 22<sup>d</sup> within to entertain the May 23, 1855.  
New York City Guard. Referred to the Committee on Council Hall. Kenshaw.

Petition of George Robinson and others

of Frank Doherty for leave to keep Intelligence Office. Referred to the Com- Doherty  
mittee on Licenses.

Petition of L. Davis for leave to give Davis

concerts at the Williams Hall on Sunday evenings. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Communication of William Ropes Ropes

regarding the present and proposed width of Sudbury Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Streets.

Petition of William Ropes and Ropes

others that Sudbury Street be made fifty feet wide at the junction of Sudbury Street.  
Hawkins Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Uriel Crocker and others Crocker

that Hawkins Street may be widened near Sudbury Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Streets.

Petition of Edwin Adams and Adams

others that a new street be opened from Worcester Square to Frank-  
lin Square. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Benjamin Jones and Jones

others that a Hydrant may be placed at the corner of the Public Gar-  
den on the Mill Dam. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down  
for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred.

May 23, 1855. Petition of Charles W. Cutler for leave to purchase certain lots of land from the City on certain conditions. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred.

Howe

Petition of John Howe for leave to close up a certain passageway near Union Park. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred.

Loring.

Petition of George Loring for appointment as Captain of the City Steamboat. Referred to the Committee on Institutions at South Boston, &c. Sent down for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred.

Assistant  
Assessor.

A communication was received from Arthur Pickering, resigning his office as Assistant Assessor in Ward 4. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred.

Back Bay.

A communication from the Back Bay Commissioners asking for the appointment of a Committee to meet them on that subject. Read and referred to the Joint Special Committee on said subject. Sent down for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred.

Adult  
Evening Schs.

A communication from the School Evening Schs. Committee asking the City Council to appropriate a sum of money for the support of Adult Evening Schools, read and referred to the Committee on Public Instruction. Sent down for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred.

Williston

Communication from O. P. Williston, a citizen of Charleston, asking for appointment as a Special Police Officer of this City. Read and laid on the table.



Solicitor respecting the state of the present laws in relation to wooden buildings within the limits of this city, and asking for more particular instructions respecting his obligation to petition the Legislature for more law upon that subject. Read and laid on the table. May 23, 1855. Wooden buildings.

Ordered: That there be paid to Mr. Samuel Norwood and Mr. George C. Head their salaries as Permanent Assessors up to July 1<sup>st</sup> 1855. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table. Head.

It being understood that a convention of the Medical Superintendents of the various Hospitals for the Insane, throughout the United States, is now in session in this city: Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor, with the Committee on Institutions be and they are hereby authorized to show them such attentions and hospitalities as the occasion may require and the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed: Sent down for concurrence. May 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 26, 1855. Insane Asylum Superintendents

A precept from the House of Representatives announcing a vacancy in that body caused by the resignation of John M. Clark a member from this city, was read and placed on file. Representatives vacancy

A precept from the House of Representatives announcing a vacancy in that body caused by the expulsion of John B. a member from this city, was read and laid on the table. Ditto.

May 23. 1855 to whom was referred the petition of King and Dexter and others in relation to the nuisance in India Street, reported that in consequence of the importance of the subject, the petitioners have a hearing before the committee. *Accepted.*

Federal St. No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Federal Street by taking land of Collamore and Whitwell W. Kirby, architect. said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

How. No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Hanover Street by taking land of George W. How, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Broadway No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a sewer in Broadway from N. street to I. street, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Pleasant Street. No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a sewer in Pleasant Street said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Apprentice Indentures of apprenticeship between Daniel Weylin of Boston, trader, and Pierce Bentler a minor, having no parent or guardian were referred to Aldermen Sew and Woodberry.

Agents to sell liquor. On nomination by the Mayor, Elijah Stearns, Robert P. Kent, Weeks & Potter, John P. Thayer, James L. Humeon, Amos C. Clapp, James W. Beck, John W. T. Millson, and Frederick W. Thayer were appointed Agents for the purchase and sale of liquor for and on account



of the City of Boston under the law of 1855.

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The nomination of Octavius King as an Agent was laid on the table: and the vote whereby J. W. Wilson was confirmed as an Agent was reconsidered and said nomination was laid on the table.

Petition of Charles H. Parker and others that a new street may be laid out from Washington Street to Harrison Avenue at a point named therein. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hilerman Joy submitted to the Board the following Rules and Regulations for the government of Agents for the sale of Liquors - 1. No one but a citizen of Boston shall be appointed an agent of said City. 2. Each agent shall report to the Board of Aldermen quarterly the amount of sales and purchases made by him during the preceding three months. 3. Each agent shall purchase only the purest qualities of liquors, and he shall sell the same in like condition without any dilution or adulteration. 4. Each agent shall sell said liquors at a uniform rate of profit of twenty per cent on the cost thereof. 5. Each agent shall pay semiannually into the City Treasury the amount of profits made by him during the preceding six months. Read and laid on the table. (See page 309.)

The Board resumed at 10 o'clock A.M. the consideration of the subject of the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road within the limits of the City and after hearing the evidence offered by the remonstrants, and a discussion having arisen between the counsel of the parties as to the rights of the petitioners or of the remonstrants to close the hearing, it was voted that the Council of the Corporation, after the closing of the arguments on the issue now before the Board, shall have the privilege of arguing the general policy and

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of the city of Boston and the rights, duties and liabilities of the city  
under the charter of the Massachusetts rail road company and the  
remedies of any and all parties who may suffer damage from  
the location of said road in said streets. - Whereupon William Brigham  
Esq. counsel for the remonstrants, presented a petition praying for per-  
mission to reply to the argument of the petitioners for the road as  
mentioned above - which petition was read and laid on the table.  
After arguments by Joseph B. Bell for the remonstrants and William  
Whiting for the petitioners, the subject was laid upon the table.

Constitutional Amendments. Aldermen Drew and Cooke were ap-  
pointed a committee to examine the returns of votes given in this city  
this day on the Six Constitutional Amendments submitted to the people  
by order of the Legislatures of 1854 and 1855, - said committee to report  
at the next meeting of the Board.

English Ordered: That there be paid to  
Abram T. English the sum of Seven hundred and four<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars, for  
land taken to widen road and upon his giving to the city a deed for  
the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged  
to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widen-  
ing Streets. Approved by the Mayor May 24, 1855.

Gerrish Ordered: That there be paid to George  
W. Gerrish the sum of Seven hundred and four<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for Two  
hundred square feet of land taken in the name of D. B. Badger &  
G. W. Gerrish to widen Beverly Street, upon his giving to the city a deed for  
the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs  
and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be



charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying  
out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, May 24, 1855. May 23, 1855.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair <sup>road, side or lane way</sup> Prince Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor, May 24, 1855. Prince Street.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of David A. Simmons to be paid additional compensation for land taken to extend Waltham Street in the year 1847. Report: That at the time of said extension Mr. S. P. Fuller made a survey of said Street as laid down on City Plans, Vol. 9, No. 13. and as then represented the City took from said Simmons land, eight hundred and twenty square feet, for which said City paid one thousand and thirteen dollars and twenty cents. Mr. Fuller says he is of the opinion that the survey was right, and still adheres to this opinion, notwithstanding the recent survey of Mr. Hadworth that goes to show that there was an error of about eight hundred and twenty feet. Mr. Simmons demands that he be paid fifty cents per foot for said additional land. The Committee do not under the existing circumstances the conflicting opinions of competent Surveyors, feel justified in recommending any other course than to grant the petitioner leave to withdraw his petition. For the Committee, C. L. Woodman. Read and accepted.

Whereas W. K. Kirby and John G. Torrey have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect build Kirby-Torrey. Kirby-Torrey.

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May 23, 1855. ing on Federal Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said C. K. Kirby & John G. Torrey that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the twenty eighth day of May current at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Amory  
Camden Street  
Shawmut  
Avenue. Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Shawmut Avenue and Camden Street should be widened at the place described in the order of this Board dated April 23<sup>d</sup> last, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to William Amory that this Board intend to widen the streets before mentioned, by taking a part of his land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday the twenty eighth day of May instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Pennewell  
New York City Guard  
Pennewell  
Hull. In accordance to the report of the committee on Pennewell Hull leave was granted to Joseph L. Pennewell and others to use Pennewell Hull on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of June next wherein to entertain the New York City Guard.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of

Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the

twenty third day of May, A.D. 1855 at three o'clock P.M.

Present,

Alderman Dunham as Chairman pro tem. Aldermen Courdin, Sprague,  
Woodman, Gould, Joy, Cooke, Woodbury, Clark and Shaw.

Ordered: That King, Dexter & King, Dexter &

and others, petitioners for the abatement of a nuisance caused by  
tide water on India Street, have a hearing before the whole Board  
on Monday next at five o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police Trucks &  
cause Sections 39, 45, 52, 55, 56, and 57 of the Regulations of this Board re- Ordinance  
specting Trucks, Wagons &c. to be more rigidly enforced than at present.

Aldermen Woodman and Joy, & Aldermen  
were appointed on the Committee on the consideration of the  
appearing immediately for the consideration of the Committee  
vice Aldermen Gould and Clark who declined serving thereon. Sent  
down.

Agreeable to assignment the Middlesex  
Board resumed the consideration of the subject of the location of the  
Middlesex Ave. Road within the city and also hearing the petition  
who were represented by Harvey Jewell for the Corporation and H. J. Har-  
ren for the remonstrants, the subject was laid on the table.

Ordered: That due notice be given Webster

that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into con- Avenue  
sideration the expediency of relaying the Common Sewer in Webster Avenue, Holman.

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ate Robinsons Alley, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons  
who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or  
who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby:  
any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Manufactory  
Manufactory  
Agreeably to the report of the Commit-  
tee on Licenses, John M. Barnard Esq. - William E. French Esq. - Luther  
Tellen & Son - John Hull Esq. - John Tellen Esq. - Hull, Brothers - and John I.  
Heard were appointed as Manufacturers of spirituous Liquors under the  
law of 1833. Approved by the Mayor, May 23. 1835.

Wesley-  
Hall.  
Ordered: That due notice be given  
that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M. take into  
consideration the expediency of constructing a common Sewer in Border  
Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter  
their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more  
remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: any person making  
objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Hay.  
Summer Street.  
Whereas Emory B. Fay has giv-  
en notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on corner of  
Summer and Hawley Streets, in the said City; and, in the opinion of  
the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that  
the said street should be widened at the place described in the said no-  
tice it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Emory B.  
Fay that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking  
a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying  
out the same as a public street - pursuant to an agreement of the owners  
of said land with the City dated February 25. 1848 - and that Monday,  
the twenty eighth day of May instant at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as



the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

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Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty eighth day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board.

Petition of Mr. Field Fowler respecting Fowler the danger of picking up persons on the street. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Henry C. Stone relative to the payment of an assessment for construction of a sewer in Brooks Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

The Mayor nominated to the Police Department for 1855-56. Read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (See Book of Officers nominated)

Petition of Ammi C. Lombard and others for the removal of truck stands from the west side of Court Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

May 28, 1855. Petition of Taylor Mills and others  
Mills Jarvis. for a sewer in Union Street - of John A. Jarvis and others for  
a sewer in Myrtle Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and  
Ruins.

Hebart. Petition of Peter Hebart, Jr. and others  
Hawley Street. that Hawley Street may be widened. Referred to the Committee on  
Streets.

Barnard Petition of Sylvester Barnard for  
abatement of a nuisance on First Street and E. Street. Referred  
to the Committee on Internal Health.

Raymond. Petition of J. T. Raymond for leave  
Grocers Bank. to construct a vault under the sidewalk in Hanover Street, of Grocers  
Naylor & Bank for leave to construct Coal Holes under the sidewalk in Hilby Street,  
& Naylor & Bank for leave to construct a Coal Hole under the sidewalk in Han-  
over Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Riley Petition of Peter Riley for leave to  
move a wooden building from Albany Street to Chapman Street. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Grish. Petition of George W. Grish and  
others. since that time has been repaired for the Thirteenth Congrega-  
tional Society. Street; of the Thirteenth Congregational Society for the repair of the  
sidewalk on Hanover Avenue of the City and the Erie  
Rail Road Company for a carway from Turnpike Street to their  
wharf. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Bradford. Petition of Bradford and Mucomber  
Newster. for leave to erect and run a Steam engine at 199 Broad Street;



and a demonstration of Emory Clarke and others against the  
proposed erection of a Steam Engine in Swan Street: referred to the  
Committee on Steam Engines &c

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July 10, 1855

Albeman Drew offered the fol-  
lowing order. Ordered: That the Chief of Police in consultation with  
the Superintendent of the Market be and they are hereby instructed  
to cause all stands and staves now rented by the city in North  
and South Market Streets to be removed forthwith. Read and laid  
on the table.

North & South

Market

Streets.

On motion of Albeman Drew  
the order to pay Messrs Norwood and Head their salaries was taken  
from the table and its consideration was assigned for Tuesday tomorrow  
at ten o'clock, A.M.

Norwood

& Head

The Joint Standing Committee  
on the Treasury Department, to whom was referred the statement  
of accounts of the City and County Treasurer for the financial year  
ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 1855 having attended to the duty assigned them re-  
spectfully Report: That they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts,  
comparing the several items with the entries in the books at the  
office and find the same to be correctly vouched and accurately sta-  
ted. The amount of Bonds and Notes on hand on the thirtieth of  
April last was Six hundred sixty one thousand fifty nine dollars and  
forty four cents. The amount of cash on hand at the same date  
was Three hundred eighty six thousand, six hundred sixty one dol-  
lars and fifty cents. The Committee are gratified in being able to  
announce that the claim upon the Commonwealth for Forty one  
thousand five hundred and eighty four dollars and ninety five  
cents has been adjusted, and the Treasurer - to whose vigilance the  
city is indebted for the discovery of the error involving so large a

Treasurer's

Accounts.

300 Sum - is now in possession of the State's obligation for that amount.  
May 28. 1855. Robert Cowdin, Joseph L. Drew, Tarnham Plummer, William A. Bell,  
Farius A. Frost - Committee. Read and accepted. Sent down for con-  
currence. May 31. Came up concurred.

Assistant  
Assessor. The ballots having been taken and  
counted for an Assistant Assessor in Ward N<sup>o</sup> 4. in place of Arthur  
Pickering, resigned, it appeared that Lucius B. Marsh was elected  
in concurrence.

School House  
lot, Ward 11. A communication from the School  
Committee of Ward N<sup>o</sup> 11. stating that lot N<sup>o</sup> adjoining the Lying-in  
Hospital on the Southeast, is the best site for a large Grammar School  
House, was referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence

House of  
Correction. On motion of Alderman Cowdin.  
the subject of the election of a Master of the House of Correction was  
taken from the table and the ballots being taken and counted it  
appeared that Charles Robbins was elected in concurrence.

Way  
Proposal of Samuel A. Way offering  
a lot of land to the City adjoining the Genesee Street School House.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concur-  
rence. May 31. Came up concurred.

Library. Alderman Woodman offered the  
following orders - Ordered: That the Board of Commissioners for the  
erection of a building for the Public Library be and they are  
authorized to locate the building upon the Public Garden, said loca-  
tion having reference to the erection of a City Hall Building at some  
future day on said Garden. - And it is further Ordered: That an order  
passed by the Common Council December 28<sup>th</sup> 1854. read and concu-



ad by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen December 30<sup>th</sup> 1854. also 501.  
authorizing the Board of Commissioners to locate a Library Building up May 28, 1855  
on a lot on Baylton Street, is hereby rescinded. Read and laid upon  
the table.

The Committee to whom was Friend  
referred an order of this Board April 2<sup>d</sup> 1855, also, the petition of Peter Dun- Street.  
bar and others relating to the extension of Friend Street to Union Street.  
Report: That since the passage of a Resolue relating to said street, the  
parties ~~concerned~~ ~~in the extension~~ have entered into an  
agreement with the City to pay the sum of Twenty eight thousand four  
hundred and ninety three dollars in money and land. Also, a verbal  
promise of Twenty nine thousand dollars. Twenty two thousand nine hun-  
dred dollars of the above is to be paid on condition that the City will  
give a good and sufficient deed of certain land that will lay between  
said promisors land and said street; to accomplish that, the City  
will have to pay an extra price for said land. The Committee made  
an estimate of the expense, before there was any thing done on the Upper  
Estate, for the land and buildings only, amounting to Ninety one thou-  
sand and three hundred dollars. The amount was paid, and the cost  
increased the expense to one hundred thousand six hundred and eighty  
nine dollars: amount subscribed and the Twenty nine thousand dol-  
lars verbal promise, subtracted from the estimated cost, and land  
at an extra price not more to be purchased at, will leave  
nine thousand two hundred and ninety six dollars for the City to pay.  
Since the passage of the Resolue of the Board, and of that time since  
the estimate was made there has been some work done on the Upper  
estate, upon the rear corner, where the proposed street is to be located, one  
hundred and five square feet of the corner; the stone front of the build-  
ing is completed; two or three tenants have leases of stores on Union Street

302. unexpired: what the damage will be in consequence of the above,

August 1837. The Committee are not able to take the same action then desired at the earliest moment, waiting only for the interested parties who have struggled hard to obtain the amount herein named. The Committee do not wish to take the responsibility of recommending what course to pursue, but submit the whole subject to the Board for their consideration and direction. All of which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee. C. J. Woodman. Read and laid on the table.

House of  
Commons

The Common Council having elected Messrs Thacher Beal, Edward N. Mainard, Nathaniel Brewer, Cha<sup>s</sup> S. Burgess, H. G. K. Caley, Robert Cowdin, Cha<sup>s</sup> B. Hall, Samuel W. Hall, Henry M. Holbrook, Francis B. Winter, Charles J. Woodman, Lorenzo S. Cragin - as a Board of Overseers of the House of Correction, said action came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

City of Boston

Free Bridge.

Petition of the East Boston Free Bridge.

Refused from the City in the construction of their Bridge. Referred to Aldermen Sprague, Gould and Woodberry, with such as the Common Council may join to consider and report thereon. Sent down for concurrence. May 31. Came up concurred and Messrs Gove, Severance, Cragin, French, and Mainard were joined.

West.

Application of Franklin West for appointment as Justice of the City, Municipal at New Bedford. Referred to the Committee on Institutions at South Boston &c. Sent down for concurrence. May 31. Came up concurred.

Weld.

Petition of W. G. Weld for leave to purchase land and buildings of the City on Fort Hill. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. May 31. Came up concurred.



Petition of Ephraim W. Thur to be 303.

paid the cost of a lawsuit in him as a Police Officer of this City. Refr. May 28, 1855.  
rel to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. May 31. Came  
up concurred.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be and

he hereby is authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on  
Finance in sum of fifty thousand dollars, to meet a payment for  
Mount Washington Avenue, leading from Sea Street to South Boston - as  
provided for in the contract with the Boston Wharf Company of 7<sup>th</sup> August  
1854. Read in Common Council. Yeas 37. Nays none. Came up for concu-  
rence. Read and concurred. Yeas. Aldermen. Clark, Cooke, Cowdin,  
Drew, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodbury, and  
Woodman. 12. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, May 29, 1855.

Ordered: That Aldermen Dun

ham, Gould and Sprague with such as the Common Council may  
join be a Committee to confer with any Committee of the selectmen &  
the School Committee of Dorchester, in relation to all matters growing out  
of the recent annexation of a portion of said town of Dorchester to Bos-  
ton and to report to the City Council on all measures of importance  
in the matter; and that said committee cause a proper plan of said  
territory to be made by the City Engineer. Sent down for concurrence.  
May 31. Came up concurred, and Messrs Dexter, Gilbert and Frost were  
joined. Approved by the Mayor June 2, 1855.

Ordered: That the Com-

mittee on Ordinances to whom was referred the majority report of the  
Committee on Water, in order that an Ordinance in conformity thereto  
may be prepared, be and they are hereby authorized to report in print.  
Sent down for concurrence. May 31. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 2, 1855.

Alderman Joy offered the following order.

May 20. 1855. Ordered: That no member of the City Council, no member of any  
 liquor for board chosen by the City Council and no officer of the City of Boston  
 shall order, furnish or provide any spirituous or intoxicating liquors for any committee or Board on account  
 of the City of Boston, &c. and the committee on Accounts are hereby  
 directed not to approve any bill or account, the whole or any part of  
 which shall have been incurred, after this date, for spirituous or intoxica-  
 ting liquors, <sup>B</sup> and the Auditor is hereby forbidden to pass, or the Treasurer  
 to pay any such bills. Ordered: That this order be published in  
 the several newspapers of this City. Alderman Cooke moved to amend  
 by inserting at A. in violation of an Act entitled an Act concern-  
 ing the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors passed April 20. 1855,  
 or in violation of any law of this Commonwealth, and by insert-  
 ing at B. in violation of said Act or any law of this Commonwealth  
 as aforesaid: which amendments were adopted, and the order passed  
 by the following vote. Yea. Aldermen Clark, Cooke, Gardin, Drew,  
 Gunnam, Gould, Jay, Sprague, Tappin, Wentburn, Woodberry and Woodman  
 12. Nay: none. Sent down for concurrence. May 21. Came up concurred.  
 Approved by the Mayor, June 2. 1855.

Convention

Ordered: That a message be sent  
 to the Common Council proposing that a convention of the City Council  
 be held in the Common Council Chamber on Thursday next at eight  
 and a half o'clock P.M. for the purpose of electing a City and County  
 Treasurer for the present year.

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Petition of Kelts and Prescott for the  
 conveyance to them of five lots of land bought of the City on Chester  
 Street &c. Ordered to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.



Inderman clerk tendered to the 303.

Board his resignation of the office of Trustee of the Public Library, which May 18. 1856.  
was accepted. Sent down for concurrence. May 31. Came up concurred. Library.

Ordered: That the Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts entitled "An Act in relation to offensive trades," passed May 18. 1855. be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council of Boston. Sent down for concurrence. offensive trades.

The ballots having been taken and counted for three Inspectors of Ballast and Mighers of Lighters, it appeared that Henry Curtis, Abijah R. Tickstrey, and John Davis were elected. Sent down for concurrence. Ballast

Whereas in the opinion of the Board it is the duty and convenience of the inhabitants of the City that a part of "Tris" Street should be discontinued on the easterly side, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to John M. Barnard, John W. Hull, A. M. Newman, John Hull, Ezra Hull, Joseph L. Robt, John I. Heard, that this Board intend to discontinue part of the street before mentioned, and that Tuesday, the fifth day of June next at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto. New

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets, under the direction of the Committee on Paving, be and he is hereby authorized to grade Division Street between Dorchester Avenue and Foundry Street, and that the City Engineer give the line of said street as laid out by the Surveyors of Boston on Withington's plan, so called - Also that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to remove Division Street.

at obstructions from the line of said street. It is further Ordered, that the order passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen July 31<sup>st</sup> 1854, in relation to ~~the same~~ be hereby amended. Approved by the Mayor, May 30, 1855.

Grain  
Measures.

On nomination by the Mayor Sym-  
phas Davis was appointed, said Measures of Grain under the provisions  
of an Act in relation to that subject passed May 21, 1855.

Grain. Fees.

Ordered: That the fees to be paid to  
the Measures of Grain &c under the provisions of the Act to regulate the sale  
of Wheat, Corn and other grain and Meal shall be at the rate of fifty  
cents per one hundred bushels. Approved by the Mayor, May 28, 1855.

Webster Avenue.

No person appearing to object to the pro-  
posed construction of a Shure in Webster Avenue, said subject was re-  
commended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Munroe

& Jarvis.

Agreeably to assignment the Board  
took up the subject of the petition of Munroe and Jarvis vs: the Boston  
and New York Central Rail Road, when at the suggestion of the coun-  
sel for the parties, the subject was postponed to June 18, 1855.

Hay.

No person appearing to object to the  
proposed widening of ~~the same~~ street in taking land of ~~the same~~ &  
Hay, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with  
full power.

Sherry

Commission

No person appearing to object to the proposed  
widening of ~~the same~~ street in taking land of ~~the same~~ &  
Sherry, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.



Agreeably to notice - Camden, N. J.;  
Jen. No. and others appeared and remonstrated against the construction May 28, 1855,  
of a skur in Bender Street, as prayed for by Henry Busby and others, Bender Street  
after which the subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets, Camden,  
with full power.

No person appearing to object to  
in general widening of Camden Street and Camden Street  
said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with full Camden Street  
power.

The nomination of William Kurni Superintendent  
coal as Superintendent of Lamps was taken from the table, and was of Lamps.  
confirmed by the Board.

On motion of Alderman Woodman, Coal Holes  
the order of May 7, 1855 (as recorded on page 267) providing that no por-  
tion of any land taken by the City for widening streets shall be used  
for the construction of Coal Holes. Grated windows &c, was taken from the  
table and passed.

The Committee appointed to examine constitutional  
the returns of votes cast on Wednesday last for the ratification or re-amendments  
jection of either or all of the proposed six articles of amendment to the  
Constitution of this State, find them correctly entered and recorded  
in the book kept for that purpose; and they recommend that the result  
be certified to the Secretary of the Commonwealth pursuant to law. For the  
Committee, Joseph L. Drew, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Whereas, it appears to this Board that Sanford  
the brick walls of an old building situated in Hamilton Alley, and Hamilton Alley  
owned by Samuel Sanford, are in a dangerous condition, it is hereby  
Ordered: That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby instructed to noti-

July 28, 1835.

by said Sheriff, or assignee, to remove said walls forthwith, and in case of neglect to cause the same to be done and the expense thereof to be charged to the said Sheriff.

Coal Holes

The Committee on Sewing to whom was referred the petitions of Frederick St. Moore and J. W. Frost, severally, that the City would adopt their Patent Coal Hole Collectors, would respectfully report that, in connection with said petitions, they have had the subject of Coal Holes under consideration, and have unanimously agreed to report the following Orders for adoption. For the Committee, J. Durham, Jr. Orders in relation to Coal Holes, and Openings in Sidewalks for the reception of Wood, Coal and other Fuel. Section 1. The outer wall, next to the carriage-way, of all Coal Vaults for the reception of Coal & Wood, that may be hereafter constructed under any sidewalk in the City of New York, shall be built of heavy granite, and shall be not less than two and a half feet thick and laid in good cement; and the said vaults shall be covered by turning brick arches over the same, in a good and substantial manner; or they may be covered with granite slabs; and in case the said slabs shall not exceed four feet in length, they shall be at least eight inches thick in the thinnest part; and if more than four feet in length, they shall be at least one foot thick in the thinnest part. And each Coal Vault shall have a division wall, of brick or stone, in the centre, from the street to the building, <sup>B.</sup> and shall be used exclusively for Wood, Coal or other fuel. And no Coal Vault shall be over seven feet deep, measuring from the sidewalk, or shall be wider than the sidewalk. Sect. 2. All Coal Vaults shall hereafter be constructed under the direction of the Board of Aldermen, or some person appointed by them, and the sum of five dollars shall be paid for a license to construct the same. And any person who shall disturb the sidewalk, or direct the same to be disturbed for the purpose of constructing a Coal Vault, without such



license, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars. Sec. 3. 309.  
Any person who shall make or cause to be made any opening or aperture  
leading into any local vault or cellar, except by permission of the Board  
of Aldermen. And each aperture shall be covered with a substantial  
iron plate with a corrugated surface, and shall be provided with  
either Moore's or Frost's Patent Coal Hole Protector, or such other protector  
as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time direct; and any  
person who shall make or cause to be made any opening or aperture,  
contrary to the provisions of this section, shall be punished by fine not  
exceeding thirty dollars, and the said opening shall be closed by the  
Board of Aldermen. And all the openings or apertures in buildings  
leading into local vaults, now existing, shall be provided with either  
Moore's or Frost's Patent Coal Hole Protector, or such other protector as  
the Board of Aldermen may from time to time direct; and if the  
owner or occupant of any building which has any such opening  
appurtenant thereto, shall neglect to provide the said opening with  
either Moore's or Frost's Patent Coal Hole Protector as aforesaid, after no-  
tice shall have been served upon him so to do, the Board of Alder-  
men shall forthwith close the said opening. Laid on the table and  
ordered to be printed.

On motion of Alderman Joy the ~~Liquor laws~~ rules and regulations for the government of Agents appointed by the City for the sale of Liquors were taken from the table and amended as follows. Strike out Section No. 4. (as on page 291.) and insert a new Section as follows. "4. Each agent, when selling said liquors at retail shall sell them at a uniform rate of not more than twenty per cent on the cost thereof." and add thereto the following. "No Agents shall sell liquors for cash only and they shall purchase them only from duly authorized Manufacturers or from the State Agent."

Liquor laws  
rules &c.

310 Said rules were then adopted. Approved by the Mayor, May 29, 1855.

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Washington

street

was a reason

On motion of Alderman Sprague the order of May 7<sup>th</sup> authorizing the pavement of Washington Street with stone, sand and bituminous pavement, was taken from the table and was adopted by the Board. Approved by the Mayor, May 30, 1855.

Washington

Village.

Communication was received from the Mayor calling the attention of the Board to the fact of the incorporation of Washington Village & Boston, and that it is desirable to appoint as a constable of this city, a constable who formerly held office in that precinct under the town of Dorchester. Read and laid on the table.

India Street

Regarding to notice the Board resumed the consideration of the India Street nuisance and after hearing the testimony of the witnesses, viz: James Allen and others, the subject was recommended to the Committee on Internal Health with full power.

Birds.

protection of

Ordered: That the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market be and they hereby are directed to enforce the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act for the better preservation of Useful Birds" passed April 18, 1855. Approved by the Mayor, May 30, 1855.

Prince.

Dorchester St.

On petition of Frederick C. Prince & George Howe that Dorchester Street may be paved with the Nicholson pavement the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Approved.



On nomination by the Mayor the 311.

following named Apothecaries were appointed Agents of the City to sell May 28, 1835.  
spiruous or intoxicating liquors for Medicinal purposes. viz: Sylvester  
Almy, Charles H. Wood, Ashel Boyden, Peares Stearns, Rushing Tuck, Apothecaries  
Dick Brown, John J. Brown Sen, Joseph J. Brown, William Brown, Carter,  
Colcord & Weston - Charles J. Carnoy, George Cotton - Thomas Farrington,  
Henry D. Fawc, Charles French, Charles G. Greene, Daniel Henchman,  
Thomas Hollis, William S. Howard, Henry W. Lincoln, Eliah Little  
field, Augustus P. Melzar, George W. Parmenter - Thomas Restieaux -  
Smith & Melvin, Emory Sturges, Orlando Tompkins, J. Leekin Turner,  
Alexander B. Wilber, Joshua G. Wilbur, Manley Howe, Samuel M.  
Woods, E. S. Wright, W. R. Wright, Charles Mead, Thomas Blastand, Rad  
ford & Campbell.

Resolved, That the safety and con-  
venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Summer Street  
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take,  
and lay out as a public street or way, of the said City, a parcel  
land belonging to Emory B. Jay - bounded as follows, viz: Northwest-  
wardly by Snows Street then measuring ten feet and so north  
eastwardly by the proposed line of widening of Summer Street, one  
hundred and thirty three feet and  $\frac{45}{100}$ ; Southeastwardly by land of  
Jonathan Hazard "Arthur Hazard" and  $\frac{15}{100}$  and thence  
wardly by the present line of Summer Street one hundred and  
thirty three feet and  $\frac{15}{100}$ ; containing fourteen hundred and seventy  
one square feet and  $\frac{70}{100}$ , more or less. And Whereas, due notice has  
been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of  
land for the purpose aforesaid as appears by the return hereunto an-  
nexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described  
be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public Street or

312. way of the said City- according to a plan of the said widening  
May 28. 1855. made by E. S. Lichestrough dated May 21. 1855. and deposited in the  
office of the said Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that  
the expense of widening the said Summer Street, as aforesaid, will  
amount to nothing: which sum together with the amount of esti-  
mates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during  
the present municipal year does not exceed the sum of five pounds  
and dollars. Approved by the Mayor, May 30. 1855.

Shawmut

avenue

Amory.

Resolved, That the safety and  
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Shawmut  
Avenue should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary  
to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a  
parcel of land belonging to William Amory, bounded as follows, viz:  
Southwestwardly by land of Robert J. Byram, there measuring nine  
feet and two inches; Eastwardly by the present line of widening of Shaw-  
mut Avenue, one hundred and sixty seven feet and two inches; North  
eastwardly by Camden Street, twenty feet; and Southeastwardly by the  
present line of the said Avenue, one hundred and sixty seven  
feet and two inches; containing Twenty five hundred and five square  
feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the inten-  
tion of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,  
as appears by the return hereto annexed, It is therefore Ordered,  
That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby  
is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City, ac-  
cording to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Lichestrough  
dated May 11<sup>th</sup> 1855, and deposited in the office of the said Alder-  
men. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening  
the said Shawmut Avenue, as aforesaid, will amount to Two Thous-



and dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates 313  
of previous alterations or discontinuances in said Avenue, during May 28. 1855.  
the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thous-  
and dollars. Approved by the Mayor. May 30. 1855.

Resolved, That the safety and widening  
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Camden Street  
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, Amory.  
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel  
of land belonging to William Amory, bounded as follows, viz:-  
Southeastwardly by the northwesterly line of Invermut Avenue, as  
his day addition to the corner of his land the same being  
ten feet; Southwestwardly by the proposed line of widening of Cam-  
den Street, one hundred and thirty one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Northwardly  
by the present line of the said street, five feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Northwest-  
wardly by the same, eighteen feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Northeastwardly by  
the same, one hundred and twenty six feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing  
nineteen hundred and ninety square feet, more or less. And where-  
as, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take  
the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the  
return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered; That the parcel of  
land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out  
as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the  
said widening made by E. S. Linsborough dated May 14<sup>th</sup> 1855. and de-  
posited in the office of the said Aldermen. And this Board doth ad-  
judge that the expense of widening the said Camden Street, as afore-  
said, will amount to Two thousand dollars: which sum together with  
the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in  
said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum

311. of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, May 30. 1855.

May 28. 1855.

Bird.

On petition of W. H. Bird and others that Sumner Street be graded and lighted the committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient to grade said street any farther while the sidewalks are in their present condition, and that much of said petition as relates to lamps be referred to the committee on that subject. Read and accepted.

Bean

On petition of James A. Bean and others that a Gas pool be constructed at corner of Concord Street & Shawmut Avenue, the committee on Paving reported that no action thereon was necessary. Read and accepted.

Remick

On petition of Benjamin Remick to be paid for closing the entrance to his estate on Vine Street, the committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Intelligence  
offices

Agreeably to the report of the committee on Licenses Frank Doherty was allowed to keep an Intelligence office at 24 Hanover Street and George A. Sutherland at 174 Hanover Street.

Louie

On petition of L. Louie for leave to give Concerts at Williams Hall on Sunday evenings, the committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Cumphone

Agreeably to the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department Cumphone Licenses were granted to Newell & Willard 28 Bromfield St. and to C. & C. C. Henshaw 16<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> St. S. Boston.



Ordered, That the Superintendent 512

and the Common Council are authorized to cause the common sewer in Lexington Street to be extended to low water mark or as far as may be deemed necessary by the Committee on Sewers & Drains. Approved by the Mayor, May 30, 1855.

On petition of Joseph N. Adams and others

for a revision of an assessment for the construction of a drain in London Street, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition of Eben Howes and others

for an abatement of an assessment for construction of a sewer in Perry Street, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Mines

mines in Bucks Town. That and five other mines were located at public sale under a decree of the court, and the proceeds of the sale were paid to the owners of the mines.

The Committee on Licenses reported in favor of licensing Henry Colburn and others, as on file, as

liquor agents, and provided they are subject to appointment under the ordinances of the city. Read and accepted as the order.

The nominations of J. W. F. Wilson and Octavius King as liquor Agents were taken from the table,

and they were confined as witnesses in criminal proceedings.

Adjourned to Tuesday tomorrow at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the twenty ninth day of May, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Norwood.

Agreeably to assignment the

Board

resumed the subject of the order to pay Messrs Norwood & Head their respective salaries to July 1<sup>st</sup> next - and the question being on the passage of the order which was laid on the table May 23<sup>rd</sup> - it was adopted in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor. May 30, 1855.

Street.

Petition of Sweet and Newton for leave to exhibit a Mosaic Table at 109 Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Sewer.

Petition of E & E Noyes and others that a common sewer be laid in E. street from Fifth to Seventh Sts. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Magee.

Petition of Thos Magee for leave to move a wooden building from Marginal Street to Sumner Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving, with full power.

House of Industry.

The ballots having been taken and counted for twelve Directors of the House of Industry &c. it appeared that Timothy C. Kendall, Morrill Cole, John M. Clark, Henry M. Melbrook, John Cowdin, James W. Stone, Charles W. Moore, Samuel W. Ropes, William Dall, Josiah Dunham, & William P. Howard, & Abner K. Poff were chosen. Sent down for concurrence.



On nomination by the Mayor, 31.

to Messrs W. D. Miller, and G. Underwood, John F. Miller, Thomas F. Fink, May 24, 1855.  
Dennis Ferguson, and William A. McSwan were appointed Agents  
to sell spirituous and intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes  
only.

The order offered by Alderman North & South  
Grew yesterday respecting the sheds in North and South Market  
Streets was taken from the table and Alderman Grew offered the fol-  
lowing order as a substitute therefor. Ordered, That the Chief of Police  
be directed to remove all temporary buildings and sheds in North &  
South Market Streets which shall not have been removed by the  
occupants thereof on or before the ninth day of June next. Read and  
after a short discussion laid on the table.

The subject of the election of House of  
Overseers of the House of Correction was taken from the table and a  
letter was read from Nathaniel Brewer declining to be a candidate  
for the office of Overseer which was sent down and the ballots hav-  
ing been taken and counted it appeared that Thacher Paul, Edward  
H. Brainerd, Charles S. Burgess, Robert Howden, Samuel W. Hall, Fran-  
cis B. Winter, and Charles F. Woodman were elected in concurrence  
with the Common Council. This Board also elected Joseph L. Grew,  
John H. Grew, and John H. Grew, and John H. Grew,  
Baker, thereby nonconcurring with the Common Council in the  
choice of Messrs Brewer, Grew, Charles B. Hall, Holbrook and Wagon.  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Dun Knapp  
nam the application of J. H. Knapp for permission to take a com-  
rectype group of this Board was taken from the table, and the pray-  
er of the petition was granted and Alderman Knapp was ap-  
pointed.

318. pointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements in the

at 7:00 AM.

Boston Wharf.

Ordered: That there be paid to

Company. the Boston Wharf Corporation the sum of Fifty thousand dollars in  
Att. Wharf No: conformity with the vote of this Board the same being in full  
for the Bridge, Avenue and Granite Street constructed by said Cor-  
poration upon their giving to the City deeds for the same satisfactory  
to the City Solicitor. Approved by the Mayor, May 30. 1855.

Library.

On motion of Alderman Dunham,

the orders offered yesterday contemplating the location of the Public  
Library Building on the Public Garden and rescinding the order  
of Dec<sup>r</sup> 28. 1854. which directed the Commissioners to erect said build-  
ing on Baylston Street were taken from the table and the question  
being on their adoption and the Yeas and Nays being ordered  
thereon, they were taken as follows. Yeas, Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin,  
Gould, Sprague, Washburn, and Woodman - 6. Nays - Aldermen Clark,  
Drew, Dunham, Jay, Topley, and Woodberry - 6. So said orders were re-  
jected.

Friend Street.

On motion of Alderman Wood

man the report on the subject of the extension of Friend Street  
which was laid on the table yesterday was taken therefrom and  
accepted whereupon Alderman Woodman offered the following  
order. Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widen-  
ing Streets be and they are hereby authorized to lay out and con-  
tinue Friend Street from Hanover Street to Union Street provided  
the expense of the same does not exceed the sum of Twenty thousand  
and dollars and they are further authorized to enter into all and  
any negotiations that will consummate this order. The Yeas & Nays



being required on the passage of this order they were taken as 319.  
folious, Yeas Aldermen Burke Gardin, Dunham, Guild, Spague, Kish, May 29, 1855.  
Turn, Woodbury, Nealman & Kays Aldermen Durr and Leplat 2. A  
sent Alderman Jay and Alderman Clark was excused from  
voting having an interest in the matter. Two thirds of the Board  
voting in the affirmative the order was passed. Sent down for  
concurrence. June 14. Came up non-concurred, less than two thirds  
voting in the affirmative viz: Yeas 21. Nays 18.

Joseph A. Eaton and Davis Holmes Highways  
were appointed Highways of local in this city. of local.

Whereas in the opinion of this Friend  
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require Street.  
that Friend Street should be extended to Union Street, it is there-  
fore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to Heirs of Thos Leaper,  
Henry Beals, James Davis, C. C. Robinson, W. Minot, Heirs of R. Richards,  
heirs of Coolidge, Moses Grant, Fily Associates and Saml Snelling-  
that this Board intend to extend the street before mentioned, by tak-  
ing a part of their land as aforesaid, and laying out the same  
as a public street and that the fifth day of June next at four  
o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which  
may be made thereto.

Adjourned to Thursday next at eight o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the thirty first day of May, Anno Domini, 1855

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Adams

Remonstrance of George E. Adams against the paving of a portion of Washington Street with cobble stones. Read to the Committee on Paving.

Burrill

Petition of Maria Burrill for damages in consequence of the change of grade in Naulung. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Thorndike

Petition of Ebenezer Thorndike that the Concord Street sewer may be extended. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Simmons

Petition of David A. Simmons to be heard respecting his claim upon the City for land taken to extend Waltham Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Agents

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, and on nomination by the Mayor, W. W. Page, and Thomas A. Matthews were appointed Agents to sell spirituous or intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes for and on account of the City of Boston.

Page & Peck

Petition of Page and Peck that the leak in the East Boston Reservoir may be repaired and that they be paid for damages sustained from said leak. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



Central Rail Road Company filed on the Twenty ninth day of May May 31. 1855  
 instant with the Court a map of a portion of the location of said  
 their road within this City, as follows. To the Mayor & Aldermen of the Central  
 the City of Boston a map of the location of the Rail Road of the Boston and New York Central Railroad. Title records of 1854  
 Company. The Boston and New York Central Railroad Company page 141  
 hereby release their location of the following piece of land situated  
 in South Boston on the southerly side of North Street, belonging  
 formerly to Charles Rutt and now to Henry Emerson of said Boston,  
 to wit: all that portion of said Emerson's land covered by our loca-  
 tion which is bounded by a line beginning on North Street fifteen  
 and a quarter feet from the center line of the said road and  
 eleven and a half feet from the southeasterly corner of the land  
 taken of said Rutt and Emerson by our former location and run-  
 ning southerly parallel to center line of said Railroad to land  
 now or late of Henry Gardner reserving however the right to build  
 and maintain a stone wall which shall over top the said re-  
 leased premises not more than four and three quarters feet. Boston  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> 1855. Boston & New-York Central Rail Road Company by H. N.  
 Slater, Esq. Theodore Atkinson, Engineer, B. & N. Y. C. R. Road and Rail.

A message having been received from the Convention  
 from the Common Council stating that said body had concurred for Treasurer  
 in the proposition of this branch to form a Convention at 8 1/2 o'clock  
 P.M. for the purpose of choosing a City and County Treasurer and  
 Auditor - the two branches accordingly assembled

In Convention.

The Chair appointed

322. Aldermen Dunham and Cooke and Messrs Porter, Mayo and  
May 31. 1855. Barnard, a committee to collect, sort and count the votes for a  
Treasurer as aforesaid, who having attended to that duty reported  
chosen. that the whole number of ballots was 56. Necessary for a choice 29.  
Frederic W. Tracy had 30, George W. Hollingsham 6. Mr. Tracy was  
accordingly elected.

The business of the Convention having been accomplished, the Board withdrew to their own room.

Coal  
Waggoners.

The following named persons were appointed Waggoners of Coal for the City of Boston, viz: William H. Guild, William F. Thomas, John A. Peckley, Charles C. Chapin, Nelson Broughton, Dennis B. Hill, David Murden, Lewis Smith, Jr., George L. Balchelder, Joseph M. Hoombts, Peletiah Harmon, Daniel H. Hinshaw, Charles H. Pratt, Daniel T. Rundlett, Ferdinand C. Porci, William H. Colburn, Orion Green, Henry Colburn, W. W. Colesworthy, Joseph W. Appleton, Abel Sanborn, Richard H. Gould, William W. Briggs, John Buffington, Napoleon B. Howe, Hewitt Lowd, Alfred Cheney Clisrope, Jr., J. H. Abbott, Wm. Emerson, Wm. Weston, J. H. West, Wm. H. Spaulding, Thomas Edwards, George A. Ford, George Gould, William Blake, Edward Mower.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board  
of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday  
the 17th day of June, Anno Domini, 1855.

The chairman, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of John A. Carroll Carroll

and others for the use of Faneuil Hall on some evening wherein  
to hold a meeting on the subject of the "Maine Liquor Law". Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Petition of New England Se- N.E. Female

male Reform Society that the City would aid them in laying out the Reform Society  
grounds around their Institution &c. Referred to the Committee on  
the Common &c.

Petition of Judah Sears and Sears.

others that the Board of Health would prevent the erection of the Turnish  
Turnish Factories &c at South Boston. Referred to the Committee Factories.  
on Internal Health.

Petition of Theophilus Stover Stover.

and others that the Broadway sewer may be extended from 9. to  
11. streets. Referred to the Committee on sewers

Petition of Abner S. Hipp for Hipp.

abatement of an assessment for construction of a sewer in National  
Street. Referred to the Committee on sewers

Petition of Charles Spear Spear

for aid in extending religious instruction to the prisoners in the  
County Jail. Referred to the Committee on the Jail.

Petition of W. B. Lavenport for  
June 5, 1855. permission to build a Bay Window in Hanson Street. Refer-  
Lavenport. red to the Committee on Paving.

Alger.

Petition of Cyrus Alger and others

Allen.

That a bridge may be built on Fifth Street over the New York Cen-  
tral Rail Road; of C. J. Allen and others that a bridge may be  
built on Silver Street over the same road. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Paving.

Mechanics  
Mutual Ins. Co.

Petition of the Mechanics' Mutual

Fire Insurance Company and others that Devonshire Street be pav-  
ed with the "Nicolson" pavement, on condition, that the difference  
of the expense between that, and the cobble stone pavement, will be  
met by the abutters. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Alexander  
Brownell.

Petition of A. N. Alexander & others.

that Sumner Street be graded from Cottage Street to Belmont Square  
of which amount to that between Sumner &  
Bromfield Street, be paved with the "Nicolson pavement." Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Randall

Communication of Samuel Randall

local weighing bill respecting the operation of the local weighing law and ordinance.  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Police

The Mayor nominated George Holmes,

J. D. Robbins, J. Crafts, D. I. Putnam for appointment on the Police.  
Referred to the Committee on Police.

Special

On nomination by the Mayor,

Police.

J. W. Wilham was appointed a Special Police Officer for the Old Col-  
ony Rail Road Station.



Communication from the Mayor 325.

suggesting that measures be taken to provide against the ravages June 2, 1835. of the cholera, which has made its appearance at the West, was considered and referred to the committee on Internal Health.

On nomination by the Mayor Market

Charles B. Rice was appointed Superintendent of Faneuil Hall. Suptd of Market.

On nomination by the Mayor, Fire

David Briggs was appointed on the Fire Police vice David Bryant. Police.

Communication from the Mayor. State

covering a copy of an Act passed May 21, 1835. to secure a Decennial Census. nial Census of the State of Massachusetts - said census to be taken this year between the first day of June and the first day of October was read and referred to Aldermen Cooke, Clark and Sprague with full power.

Communication from the Jail.

Mayor calling the attention of the Board to the block of wooden building now in progress of erection adjoining the Jail. Same was read and laid on the table.

Remonstrance of J. H. Garruth. Garruth.

and others against the proposed erection of a bridge over Kidder. Chelsea Creek - of J. G. Kidder and others against the City's building a bridge over Chelsea Creek. Referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred.

Petition of Samuel Aspinwall. Aspinwall

will that his bill for spars be furnished to the City on the fourth

of July last, may be adjusted. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred.

Blaney. Communication of James M. Butler Master. Blaney respecting the Butler Master's report of duty. Referred to the Committee on the Butler. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred.

Eastern R.R. Company. Petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for leave to lay the Rockville Water Pipe at the State River for the purpose of obtaining a supply of water therefrom of the New England Glass Company for a supply of Rockville Water without the limits of the City: referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred.

Dennan. Petition of C. W. Dennan to be paid for damage sustained from a defect in Beach Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred.

Olin. Petition of John Olin and others that a gateway be constructed at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets for entrance to the Common. Referred to the Committee on the Common with instructions to give the petitioners a hearing.

French. Petition of Moses French Jr. and others, Coal Dealers for a conference with a Committee of the Board respecting the Statute and Ordinance on Coal Weighing. Referred to Aldermen Clark, Drew and Woodberry.

Fire Dept<sup>s</sup>. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers, Joseph H. Smith was discharged from engine N<sup>o</sup> 13. for disrespect to a superior officer and for neglect of duty.



the on claims, to whom was referred a communication from the City June 3, 1855. Solicitor respecting a highway in the town of Chelsea, having considered Chelsea as the subject and having conferred with the City Solicitor, and with the Selectmen of the town of Chelsea, reported the following order:-  
 Ordered: That there be paid to the Town of Chelsea the sum of eight thousand four hundred and seventy three dollars, in full settlement of all claims for the making and repairing of the highway and bridges leading from the dividing line between Boston and Chelsea, on Chelsea Free Bridge, and across Rapp Brook to the Salem Turnpike, and in full satisfaction of the order of the Court of Common Pleas made at the October term 1854, respecting the payment of money out of the County Treasury; on condition that the Town of Chelsea and its officers discontinue all suits and proceedings for the recovery of the same, and proceed forthwith and put the said highway and bridges in good repair and condition for travel; and that the said sum be charged to the appropriation for County Expenses. Passed: Sent down for concurrence. Reconsidered June 1st. See page 346.

Whereas petitions have been presented to this Board praying that a new Road may be laid out over Breed's Island between East Boston and Winthrop, and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Road should be laid out at the place described in the said petitions it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the "Inhabitants" and that this Board intend to lay out the said before mentioned by having a part of the land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public Road, and that Monday, the eleventh day of June current at four o'clock, P.M.

328. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be

June 5, 1855. made there.

Bradlee  
Shuttuck  
Hanover Street.

Whereas Nathaniel J. Bradlee has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Hanover Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Nathaniel J. Bradlee and George C. Shuttuck that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the Eleventh day of June current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made there.

For Street  
Shull.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that a portion of Ivers street should be discontinued on the easterly side, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to Charles Shull that this Board intend to discontinue the street before mentioned as aforesaid, as a public street - and that Monday, the Eleventh day of June at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made there.

Lincoln  
Commercial  
Street.

Whereas Noah Lincoln, junior, has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Commercial Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Noah



Lincoln, &c. that this Board intend to widen the street before men-<sup>329</sup>  
tioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as afore- June 5. 1833.  
said and laying out the same as a public street and that on  
day, the eleventh day of June current at four o'clock, P.M., is assign-  
ed as the time for hearing any objections which may be made  
therein.

Whereas petitions have been pre-<sup>Key</sup>  
sented to this Board praying that Hawley Street may be widened, and, <sup>Hawley Street.</sup>  
in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the  
inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the  
place described in the said petitions, it is therefore Respectfully Ordered,  
That due notice be given to Emory B. Key that this Board intend  
to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now  
about to be built upon, and laying out the same as a public street -  
and that Monday, the eleventh day of June current at four o'clock,  
P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which  
may be made therein.

Whereas Enoch Train and Company <sup>Train.</sup>  
have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect buildings <sup>Commercial</sup>  
on Commercial Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the <sup>Street.</sup>  
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that  
the said street should be widened at the place described in the  
said notice, it is therefore Respectfully Ordered, That due notice be given to  
the said Enoch Train and Company that this Board intend to widen  
the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about  
to be built upon as afore-<sup>said</sup> and laying out the same as a public  
street - and that Monday, the eleventh day of June current at four  
o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which  
may be made therein.

Ordered, That due notice be given

June 3, 1833. that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Kneeland St: land Street, from here Street to Sea Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

On motion of Alderman Dunham, all the nominations made by the Mayor of Police Officers were taken from the table and were referred to the Committee on Police.

Engine Co<sup>s</sup> A<sup>o</sup> 13.

Petition of Engine Company A<sup>o</sup> 13.

for the restoration of Joseph H. Bates as a member of said Company; and of George H. Hummer and others, that Joseph H. Bates be restored as Fireman of Engine Co<sup>s</sup> A<sup>o</sup> 13. were referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Agents.

On nomination by the Mayor, J. P. Howland Esq, Joel Shaw, Wilson, Fairbank Esq and George D. Ricker were appointed Agents to sell spirituous liquors for medicinal purposes, and Smith & Corbitt and Emerson P. Dodge as Agents to sell alcohol.

Agent.

The nomination of L. B. Kidder as Agent to sell liquor for medicinal purposes was laid upon the table.

Minors

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, Dennis Sullivan and others (minors) were licensed to sell goods, wares and merchandize in this city. (See record of Licenses.)



To person appearing to object 331

to the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Gros Street and sub June 5 1855  
ject was committed to the Committee on Streets with full powers Gros Street.

Agreeably to assignment the Friend Street.

Board took up the subject of the extension of Friend Street to  
Union Street and the following parties appeared and objected to  
said measure - viz: John Clark for heirs of Thomas Capen - William  
Mint - Amos Colting - Sidney Bartlett, Esq for Henry Beal - Isaac Story  
Esq for Robinson's heirs - after which the subject was laid on the  
table.

During the foregoing hearing Black  
the following documents were received and read - Remonstrance Howard  
John Clark and others against extending Friend Street - Petitions  
of Joshua Howard and others and of Henry Beal and others  
in favor of the extension of said street.

Petition of John Rayner & Rayner  
one hundred and thirty three others, that Union Street may be Union Street.  
widened on its westerly side. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ordered: That Aldermen Friend School  
Dunham, Cooke and Woodman with such as the Common Council for Girls.  
may think proper to select and report upon the expedi-  
ency of establishing a course of High School instruction for Girls  
in this City. Sent down for concurrence. And came up and was  
read and the President of the Common Council, and Messrs  
Mainard, Harris, Suter and Tucker were joined. Approved by  
the Mayor June 9, 1855.

June 5 1855. Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of James R. Perkins. Read and the Committee on Public Buildings in Ward Six, in response to a resolution that subject a careful examination and respectfully Report: School House That, in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. Ward Six. And, for the following among other reasons, - first, the present house is inadequate for the scholars now in the district, and when, in connexion with this fact, it is considered that dwellings of a permanent character are rapidly multiplying in the district, it becomes evident that additional accommodations ought to be provided: - second, the present house is unsuitable in all respects for the six hundred scholars now attending that school, by reason of the limited quantity of land appurtenant thereto, and the extremely inconvenient, not to say dangerous, arrangement of the house; it being a fact, that the principal access to the outbuildings is through a long passageway two feet only in width. The Committee are of opinion that the opportunity now secured, to purchase a site at the corner of May and West Cedar Streets, containing about nine thousand square feet of land, ought not to be lost. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand dollars, and that the same be applied to the purchase of a lot of land in Ward Six, on which to erect a New Grammar School House. Read in Common Council, Yeas 40. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas. Aldermen Clark, Cook, Ewerlin, Jew, Dunham, Gould, Jay, Sprague, Topitz, Washburn, Winney, Kinnaman, 22. Ayes. Opposed to the measure. None. June, 1855.



Ordered: That the committee 333

on the erection of a building for the Public Library and June 5, 1855  
they are hereby authorized to submit their communication to Library.  
the City Council in print, viz. their report upon the subject. Read  
and in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-  
curred. Approved by the Mayor, June 7, 1855

Ordered: That the Committee, Steamboat  
on Institutions be and they are hereby authorized to take the to Deer  
charge and care of the Steamboat recently purchased for the Island.  
use of the City to be employed for conveying paupers, prisoners and  
they are authorized to make any arrangement with the State  
Authorities whereby said Boat may be employed for the State In-  
stitutions at Crainsford Island. Passed in Common Council.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the  
Mayor, June 7, 1855.

Ordered: That four thousand dollars Independence  
be added to the appropriation already allowed to defray the ex-  
penses of celebrating the approaching anniversary of the Declaration  
of American Independence and that the same be charged to the ap-  
propriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims.  
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and laid on the table.

The Common Council having House of  
elected John A. Cummings as an Officer of the House of Correction  
in concurrence with this branch, and Lorenzo A. Cragin, Charles B.  
Hall, Jacob H. Hathorne and N. G. H. Gales in nonconcurrence and  
action came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been  
taken and counted for four Overseers of the House of Correction

June 5. 1835. ~~Say, it appeared that~~ ~~any~~ ~~reason~~ ~~say~~ ~~the~~ ~~case~~ ~~in~~  
June 5. 1835. ~~ger~~, and ~~Leri~~ ~~Boles~~ were decided, this Board thereby concurring in  
the election of said ~~Crigin~~, but nonconcurring in the choice of  
said ~~Hull~~, ~~Hathorne~~ and ~~lady~~. Sent down for concurrence.

Goodwin.

The Joint Standing Committee  
on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Goodwin, to be  
paid for personal injuries sustained in Fremont Street, respectfully  
report, that they have settled with her for all her claims against  
the said City, by paying her the sum of Three Hundred dollars.  
They would further state that ~~in~~ ~~and~~, ~~George~~ ~~Spaulbach~~ Esq.  
has sent in a communication, asking for the payment of his fees,  
which communication the Committee have now under considera-  
tion. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read & accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence. June 7. 1835. Came up concurred. Approved by  
the Mayor June 9. 1835.

Assessor  
resigns.

A communication was received  
from Lucius B. Marsh wherein he declines the office of Assistant  
Assessor for Ward 4. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
June 7. Came up concurred.

Assessor  
elect.

The ballots having been taken and  
counted for an Assistant Assessor for Ward 4. in place of Lucius  
B. Marsh resigned, it appeared that George W. Messinger was chosen.  
Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred.

Sperry

The Joint Standing Committee on  
Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Henry Sperry, ask-  
ing to be allowed to pay for land on Camden Street, in mortgages of  
brick buildings, have fully considered the subject and would offer



the following report, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the 335.  
Committee, Sam<sup>l</sup> Toplig, Chairman, Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. June 5, 1855.  
June 7. Came up concurred.

On petition of M. T. Fowler. Or. Fowler.  
Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances be directed to report Turpentine.  
an Ordinance regulating the safe keeping and storage of spirits of  
turpentine and placing the same under the supervision of the Board  
of Engineers of the Fire Department. Sent down for concurrence. June  
7. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 9, 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee Fire Alarms  
on Ordinances be instructed to report an Ordinance whereby the  
care and management of the Telegraphic system of Fire Alarms  
may be placed under the direction of the Committee on the Fire De-  
partment. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor, June 9, 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee on  
the petition of John Jones  
asking for the discontinuance of a passageway leading from Union  
Park and to give to the City within twenty feet a passageway of the  
same width across the rear of his land, and leading to Shawmut  
Avenue, have fully considered the subject and would recommend  
the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Sam<sup>l</sup> Toplig,  
Chairman. Ordered: That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, pro-  
vided he obtain a water from an existing interest in said pas-  
sageway, which shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor. Accepted  
and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up  
concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 9, 1855.

June 5. 1855. on Public Lands to whom was referred the remonstrance of Wm. Bacall. K. Bacall and others against the closing up of a part of the passageway leading from Brookline Street, have given the parties a full hearing in the matter, and after fully considering the subject, would offer the following Report: that the remonstrants have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Samuel Appleby, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. June 7. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 9. 1855.

Smith  
Brookline  
Street.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petitions of Stephen Smith for the grade of Brookline Street, would report that buildings have been erected on the line of said Brookline Street, between Tremont Road & Shawmut Avenue, wholly irrespective of grade, and to establish a grade at the present time would effect them to a more or less extent. The Committee, however, believing that a person who has built upon a street without any respect to grade whatever, can have no legal claim upon the City for damages, report the following order that the City Engineer report a plan of grade for Brookline Street. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Ordered: That the City Engineer report to this Board a plan for establishing a grade for Brookline Street from Tremont Street to Shawmut Avenue. Accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor June 7. 1855.

Tremont  
Street

On petition of Henry Williams;—  
Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health cause Tremont Street from the Railroad Bridge to Roxbury line to be properly watered during such period of time the present year as he may deem proper and that



in regard thereto, is charged to the appropriation for General and  
Repairs of Streets. Approved by the Mayor, June 7, 1855.

June 5, 1855.

The Committee upon Internal Affairs.

Health is a man was ordered the petition of Mary, Doree 100 & Street India Street.  
relative to a nuisance on India and Custom House Streets respect-  
fully report the following order. Benj. T. Cook, Chairman. Ordered:  
That the Superintendent of Health notify the several parties, own-  
ers and occupants of each store on India and Custom House Streets,  
in which nuisances exist of the nature complained of, to abate the  
same, and in the event that the same are not abated in accord-  
ance with such notice, the Superintendent of Health is authorized  
and directed to abate the same and charge the expense thereof to  
the proper persons.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a certain drain in the rear of 89 Third Street has be-  
come obstructed, and thereby causes a nuisance dangerous to the  
health of the inhabitants, the Superintendent of Health is hereby  
directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by the parties and  
reporting to Board at the expiration of the said several parties and  
though duly notified have neglected to abate said nuisance and  
parties are Patrick Wise, Jacob Hilbert, Jeremiah Harrington, dis-  
senting Caspidy.

On petition of the Old Colony & Fall River Rail Road Company, the Committee on Paving reported,  
that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grant permits for  
driveways across the sidewalk in Dorchester Avenue, provided the  
Old Colony and Fall River Rail Road Company agrees to forth-  
with lay a brick sidewalk in front of their estate on Dorchester

338. Avenue and make granite block driveways. Read & accepted.

June 5. 1855.

Fitch.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Essex Street from Kingston to South Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

State Street

On petition of the Warren Foundry Machine Company. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have the northerly side of State Street from Washington Street to Wilson's Lane, repaved with Warren's patent cast iron pavements provided, the cost to the City of Boston, exclusive of the cost of removing the granite blocks now constituting the pavement on said Street, shall not exceed four hundred dollars. Approved by the Mayor June 7. 1855.

Ropes.

On petition of Samuel W. Ropes. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to macadamize so much of Hudson Street as he shall deem expedient. Approved by the Mayor June 7. 1855.

Walter

On petition of William Brewster and others. Ordered: That that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Everett Street to the established grade from Cottage Street to Jeffries Street. Approved by the Mayor. June 7. 1855.

Walter

The Committee on Ordinances submitted to the Board in print an Ordinance on the subject



of Water, being City Document A. 42, which was laid on the table, 334.

June 2, 1855.

The Committee on Paving to whom  
was referred the petitions of Walter Harmon and others  
that the name of May Street be changed to Mt. Auburn Street and  
Wishu Stone and others that it be changed to Otis Street; also the  
remonstrance of Edwin Sage and others against changing the  
name of said street, would report that parties appeared before  
them and objected to the name of May Street be called Otis Street,  
as they had laid out a new street westerly of Charles Street, which  
they had designed to call Otis Street, and as the petitioners are not  
agreed upon a new name and as there is a remonstrance against  
a change, that it is inexpedient to change the name of May Street at the  
present, they therefore report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.  
For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving to which Emerson  
was referred the petition of Robert Emerson for a certain modifi-  
cation of the rules respecting coal holes, whereby slate stone may be  
used for the covering of coal hole arches instead of granite, would  
most respectfully report against the expediency of making such  
change. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving to whom Howe  
was referred the subject of George Howe's claim for damages to his  
estate on the corner of Water and Congress Streets in consequence  
of a change of grade made in 1851, have after examining the  
premises and hearing Mr. Howe, unanimously agreed to report,  
that in their opinion no damage was caused by the alteration of

340 the street in 1851. They do not believe Mr. Howe has any just claim  
June 5, 1855 upon the City. The Committee on Paving, under whose sanction  
the change in the street was made, did then, and do now consider  
that Mr. Howe's premises were greatly improved by the alteration  
of grade. Your Committee concur in this opinion, and they there-  
fore ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the  
matter, for the Committee, J. Durham Jr. Read and accepted.

French On petition of Moses French Jr. and  
coal dealers, others, coal dealers, that they may be heard before any weighers of  
coal may be appointed, the Committee on Licenses reported that  
said petitioners have been heard. Accepted.

Henshaw On petition of Henshaw, Edmonds &  
India Street Co. and others to be compensated for damage on account of a de-  
fect in the Common Sewer in India Street, the Committee on Sew-  
ers and Drains reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Thirteenth On the petition of the Thirteenth  
ward, for the removal of the sewer from the corner of the  
ward, the Committee on Paving reported that the evil complained of  
has been remedied. Accepted.

Way On the petition of Samuel A. Way  
that a lamp be placed and lighted in Dover Place, the Com-  
mittee on Lamps reported that as said Place is private proper-  
ty, the City ought not to establish lamps therein, and that the  
petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.



Resolved, That the safety 541.

and convenience of the Inhabitants of the city require that Federal Street June 5 1855.  
said street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary Federal Street  
to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, Torrey.  
a parcel of land belonging to John V. Torrey, bounded as follows,  
viz: Southwardly by land of the heirs of John B. Davis, there meas-  
uring  $7^{100}$  of a foot; westwardly by the proposed line of widening of  
Federal Street, sixty eight feet and  $\frac{32}{100}$ ; Northwardly by land of John  
Bullard,  $7^{100}$  of a foot; and Eastwardly by the said street sixty eight  
feet and  $\frac{32}{100}$ ; containing thirty one square feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ , more  
or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention  
of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose  
aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is  
therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and  
the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way  
of the said city according to a plan of the said widening made  
by E. C. Heston dated June 4<sup>th</sup> 1855 and deposited in the office  
of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge  
that the expense of widening the said Federal street, as aforesaid,  
will amount to one hundred and fifty dollars: which sum  
together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or  
discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal  
year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor, June 7. 1855.

Resolved That the safety and Low-  
convenience of the Inhabitants of the city require that Hanover Hanover  
Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary street.  
to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said  
city, a parcel of land belonging to George W. Hew-bounded as

342. follows, viz: Northwardly by land of John B. Hemere there measuring  
of Hancock Street, twenty one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Southwardly by Bartlett  
Street, six feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Westwardly by Hancock Street, twenty  
one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing one hundred and forty six square  
feet, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , more or less. And Whereas due notice has been giv-  
en of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land  
for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto an-  
nexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before de-  
scribed be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a  
public street or way of the said city- according to a plan of  
the said widening made by E. S. Chestbrough dated May 15<sup>th</sup> 1854,  
and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And  
this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Han-  
cock Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Six hundred dollars: which  
sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations  
or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal  
year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved  
by the Mayor, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Federal  
Street.  
William  
Hillwell.

Resolved, That the safety and con-  
venience of the Inhabitants of the city, require that Federal Street  
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take,  
and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel  
of land belonging to John William, bounded as follows, viz: South-  
wardly by land of John Hemere, there measuring  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a foot; East-  
wardly by the proposed line of widening of Federal Street, thirty five  
feet; Northwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from  
Samuel Hillwell to widen the said street,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a foot; and West-  
wardly to the said street, thirty five feet; containing twenty four



more or less into a parcel of land belonging to Samuel 543.  
Millett, and bounded as follows, viz: substantially by land herein June 5. 1853  
before described as taken from John Williamson & to widen Federal  
Street, then measuring  $\frac{5}{8}$  of a foot; easterly by the proposed  
line of widening of the said street, forty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a foot; Northerly  
by the said street,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a foot; and Westerly by the same, forty  
feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a foot; containing twelve square feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a foot, more or less.  
And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board  
to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears  
by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That  
the parcels of land before described be and be lawfully taken  
and taken and taken and taken and taken and taken and taken and taken  
and taken and taken and taken and taken and taken and taken and taken and taken  
dated December 28<sup>th</sup> 1853, and deposited in the office of the said  
Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the ex-  
pense of widening the said Federal Street, as aforesaid, will amount  
to five hundred dollars: which sum together with the amount of  
estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street,  
during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum  
of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, June 7. 1853.

On petition of Silas Warren Warren  
(a Police Officer) for permission to receive a certain reward of-  
fered for the detection of a thief, the Committee on Police report-  
ed that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read & accepted.

On petition of Henry Mann and Mann.  
others that P. J. Weston be removed from office, the Committee on  
Police reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

June 5, 1855.

Coal holes.

the rules in relation to the construction of Coal Holes (being City Document No. 42) were taken from the table and were amended by striking out in Section 3, the following words "the said opening with either Morris or Frost's Patent Coal Hole", and insert the word "such" - after sundry attempts to amend the latter portion of Section 1. the subject was laid on the table.

Roads.

The Committee on Paving to

Sanborn.

Turner.

Williams.

Mildard.

Ropes.

James Adams.

Noyes &amp; Co.

and others.

The Committee on Paving to whom were referred the petitions of Peter Hobart, Jr. for compensation for change of grade in Shawmut Avenue - of T. O. Sanborn for compensation for change of grade in Arnold Street - of Nathaniel Larkin and others for the same in the same street - of Henry Williams and others for a plank sidewalk on Chestnut Street - of F. A. Mildard to be paid for change of grade in Pembroke Street, of Saml. H. Adams for the same in the same street - of George A. Nichols for leave to construct an alley in City Street - of James B. Raymond for leave to construct Coal Holes in Harrison Avenue - of F. B. Raymond for leave to construct Coal Holes at corner of Hanover and Cliff Streets, - the Committee reported that the several petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Coal

Holes.

The Committee on Licenses recom-

mended the appointment of Charles N. Weston and sundry others as Higners of coal provided they are eligible to that office. Read and laid on the table.

Coal Higners.

Robert C. Nichols and Thomas J. Tucker

were appointed Coal Higners for the City.



Mr. Alderman Sprague offered the

following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Internal Health June 5, 1855.  
be instructed to cause Canal Square to be widened and the expense of the same be charged to the appropriation on Internal Health. Square.  
Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Alderman Sprague offered

the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Internal Health  
be instructed to cause Canal Street to be widened from  
Canalway Street to Haymarket Square and the expense of the  
same be charged to the appropriation for the Internal Health De-  
partment. Read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Alderman

Graham the Board determined that when it adjourned, it  
should be to Friday next at three and a half o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Alderman Sprague offered

the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Public  
Buildings notify the occupants of Lincoln Hall to vacate the  
premises in six months from the time this notice is given as re-  
quired by the terms of their lease. Ending the discussion on  
this order the Board

Adjourned.

34. 0.

*Adjourned.*

Seigniorial  
Grants.



Communication of Greenback - 1835.

Respectful the danger of conflagration from the sparks of the locomotive on the New York Central Railroad. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Communication of H. S. Fire - 1835.

Respectful the danger of conflagration from the sparks of the locomotive on the New York Central Railroad. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Charles Bucke & Bucke

Respectful the danger of conflagration from the sparks of the locomotive on the New York Central Railroad. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Charles Bucke & Bucke

Respectful the danger of conflagration from the sparks of the locomotive on the New York Central Railroad. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Remonstrance of C. T. Thofiller - Thofiller.

Respectful the danger of conflagration from the sparks of the locomotive on the New York Central Railroad. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

On nomination by the Mayor, Agents.

Henry A. Chute, Dr. D. Fuller and O. Morris and Louis N. Tower were appointed Agents to sell Siquier for medicinal purposes and Henry Howland was appointed a Manufacturer of spirituous and intoxicating liquors and John W. Liver was appointed to manufacture and sell Siquier for medicinal purposes.

Ordered: That the Committee Steam Fire

on the Fire Department be and they are hereby instructed to have the Steam Fire Engine put in working order so that the same can be used at any fire which may occur - also to be in ready

348. next to form part of the programme in the celebration of our Nation  
June 8, 1855. at Independence. Sent down for concurrence. June 14. Came up con-  
curred. Approved by the Mayor, June 16, 1855.

Census.

Agreeably to the suggestions of the  
special committee on the State Census, the Mayor nominated to  
the Board, George Adams and his assistant census, as suitable  
persons to take the State Census pursuant to the Acts of the Legisla-  
ture of 1855. which nominations were confirmed by the Board (See  
the names recorded in Book of Calls).

Tancill

Hall.

The Board having resumed the  
consideration of the order introduced at the last meeting of the  
Board, giving the occupants of Tancill Hall six months notice to  
quit that building, after a short discussion it was laid upon the  
table.

Brown

Suits

A communication from the Mayor  
covering a letter from the City Solicitor respecting certain suits at  
law in the Circuit Court of the United States, brought by the heirs of  
the late William Brown involving the title to certain estates in North  
Market Street sold by the City by deeds of warranty, and suggesting  
that said suits be taken from court and referred to. was read, and  
thereupon, it was ordered, that the City Solicitor's communica-  
tion of June 6<sup>th</sup> together with the subject therein contained be re-  
ferred to the Joint Standing Committee on claims with full powers  
to take all action necessary in the premises and that the Mayor be  
authorized to sign all agreements which may be requisite in  
reference hereto. Sent down for concurrence. June 14. Came up con-  
curred. Approved by the Mayor, June 16, 1855.



Whereas, it appears to this Board 349.

that a nuisance exists on Kneeland Street between Quincy and June 8. 1855.  
Ullica Streets on premises of the Worcester Rail Road Corporation, Kneeland  
consisting of water standing in said street after every rain and the Street.  
pavement being so much out of repair as to render public travel dan-  
gerous, it is hereby Ordered: That the Superintendent of Internal Health  
be and he is hereby instructed to notify said Corporation to abate the  
same forthwith and in case of neglect so to do to cause the same  
to be abated and the expense thereof charged to the said Corporation.

Charles T. May, Henry Emerson and Coal  
John S. Robinson were appointed Coal weighers of the City. Weighers.

The Committee on the Fire De- Engine Co. No. 13.  
partment to whom were referred the petitions of Engine Company Flummer,  
No. 13. and of George H. Flummer and others, for the restoration of  
Joseph H. Bates as Foreman of Engine Co. No. 13. reported that they  
had given the petitioners a hearing on the subject and that they  
have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Fire De- Fairbridge  
partment to whom was referred the communication of W. J. Fisk's Wharf.  
ridge, being satisfied from the representations of the Chief Engi-  
neer of the Fire Department that the wooden buildings on Fisk's  
Wharf are a violation of law offered the following order; Order  
ed: That the Chief of Police be authorized and directed to notify  
the owners of all buildings on Fisk's, or Eastern Steamboat, Wharf,  
which are or have been erected in violation of the ordinances  
of the City to remove the same within ten days. Adopted.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred the petition of Daniel T. Rundlett respecting the operation of the local weighing law and ordinance, reported, favoring, that said petition should be referred to the special committee having in charge the subject of the petition of Moses French, Jr. and others, as the matters in both petitions are intimately connected together. Read and accepted.

Streets  
Ordinance.

Ordered: That the Committee upon Ordinances consider and report upon the expediency of amending Sect. 1 of the Ordinance relating to buildings and Sect. 10 of the Ordinance upon streets so that persons intending to build or repair shall be required to include in the notices, now required by law to be given notice of the dimensions of the proposed structure and the materials to be used. Sent down for concurrence. June 14. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 16. 1855

Library  
Commissioners.  
vide June 11

The Commissioners on the erection of the Building for the Public Library presented to the City Council in print a report of their transactions to the present date, wherein they specify the amount of progress made by them since their last report, including the adoption of a plan by W. H. Kirby, and they ask the City Council for the appropriation of the sum of Ninety five thousand dollars for the erection of a building pursuant to said plan leaving a further sum for the interior finish to be provided for hereafter. See City Document N<sup>o</sup> 46. said report having been presented in the Common Council, that branch passed the following order, viz: Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, a sum of money not exceeding Ninety five thousand



decided and that the same be appropriated to meet in part the 351.  
cost of the erection of a Public Library Building; in conformity June 8. 1855.  
with the report of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose dat-  
ed the 6<sup>th</sup> instant. Read in common Council. Yeas 38. Nays 3. Came  
up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

The common Council having con- House of  
curred with this Board in the election of John Bourdin, Albion K. Key, Industry &  
Isiah Dunham, & William Dull, John M. Clark, and Samuel W. Hays  
as Directors of the Houses of Industry &c, and having also elected  
John Flint, George D. Ricker, Eben Tarbell, Levi Wilkins, Mark Gorg-  
ins, and John Tuckerman, thereby nonconcurring with this  
branch in the election of Messrs Wile, Kendall, Willbrook, Stone, Moore  
and Howard - said action came up for concurrence; and the bal-  
lots having been taken and counted for six Directors of the Houses  
of Industry &c. it appeared that Timothy W. Kendall, Henry M. Will-  
brook, James W. Stone, William F. Howard, Mark Gorgins and Eben  
Tarbell were chosen - this Board thereby concurring in the election of  
Messrs Tarbell and Gorgins, and non-concurring in the election  
of Messrs Flint, Ricker, Wilkins and Tuckerman made by the other  
branch. Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Lombard and Lombard  
Whitmore and others against the petition of A. H. & D. Gardiner &  
others for aid in construction of a new Bridge to Chelsea from  
East Boston. Referred in common Council to the Joint Special Com-  
mittee on that subject. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

A communication from George Frothingham  
W. Frothingham stating that his name was used as a candidate

352. for the office of City and County Treasurer on the thirty first of June 8. 1855. May read without his knowledge and consent. Came up from the Common Council. Read and placed on file.

~~also~~ ~~The committee on Public Instruction~~  
Schools. to whom was referred the application of the School Committee in application to aid in defraying the expenses of four adult Schools have attended to that duty, and unanimously recommend the granting of the same. To the committee a. s. returned.  
Ordered: That the sum of Twelve hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated and placed at the disposal of the School Committee, to aid in defraying the expenses of the free evening Schools for Adults established in the City proper, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses for Grammar Schools. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 9, 1855.

House of  
Correction. The Common Council having elected Charles B. Hall, J. G. K. Gulley and William N. Lounsbury as Overseers of the House of Correction, thereby non-concurring with this Board in the election of George W. Messinger, Joseph L. Drew, and Levi Boies, ~~in the election of Messengers and Overseers of the House of Correction~~ and counted for three Overseers of the House of Correction, it appeared that Messrs Messinger, Drew and Boies were again elected; this Board thereby non-concurring in the choice of Messrs Hall, Gulley and Lounsbury made by the other branch. Sent down for concurrence.

Ballast The Common Council having voted  
to read and was reported by the Mayor, June 9, 1855.



having elected Messrs Henry Curtis and Abijah A. Tickstury in 355.  
concurrence with his branch - the subject was returned to this Board, June 8, 1855.  
Read and laid on the table.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be Treasurer  
and hereby is authorized to borrow, under the direction of the in anticipation  
committee on finance a sum of money not exceeding six hun- of income.  
dred thousand dollars, in anticipation of the income of the finan-  
cial year 1855 and 1856, and that all sums of money under this  
order shall be made payable within the said financial year.  
Passed in Common Council. Yeas 40. Nays none. Came up for con-  
currence. Read and concurred. Yeas - Aldermen Clark, Locke, Graw-  
din, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Jay, Spague, Westburn, Woodbury, Had-  
man. 11. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor, June 9, 1855.

Ordered: That the sum of Two Music on  
thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of engaging one or more the Common.  
bands of music to perform on the Common not exceeding twice in  
a week for three months from the fifteenth day of June and that the same  
be charged to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Com-  
mon Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor June 9, 1855.

An Ordinance to amend an Or- Court  
dinance respecting Coal Weighers, by substituting a new section for Sect. Weighers  
2 of the said ordinance. Passed in Common Council. Came up for con-  
currence. Read and laid on the table.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Eleventh day of June, Anno Domini, 1835.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Amesbury.

Petition of the Sea Grange Opera House for leave to give concerts at the Music Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

May.

Petition of John Mackay for use of the National Theatre, Thursday evening next wherein to give a Sparring Exhibition. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Amesbury.

Petition of John Mackay for leave to keep an Intelligence Office at 26 Spear Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Drake.

Petition of Josiah Drake and others Summer Street that the Dock at foot of Summer Street be filled up. Referred to the Committee on Sinking.

Hence.

Petition of James Pierce and others that a nuisance existing on Sellers Wharf may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Hall.

Petition of Nathaniel Whiting that the City would assume and pay for the Scur recently constructed by him in Pitts Street. Referred to the Committee on Scur.

Guthrie.

Wash.

Petition of Wade Luther for leave to close up South Street for a few days while building is going on therein - and of Wash. Ward for leave to move a building from Granite to First Street. Referred to the Com<sup>ee</sup> on Sinking with full power.



that the grade of North Square be raised and that the gutter be raised from Central Square towards Becks Street - of John Jacobs & others that North Square be resurfaced - of Lewis Wilson and others that the grade of Fayette Street may be raised. Referred to the committee on Paving.

Communication of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department concerning wooden buildings in Alexander and in Village Streets which are violations of the wooden building law. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Eben Turbell & others that a Hydrant Fire Carriage be stationed in the vicinity of Northampton Street. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Tiger Hook & Ladder Company No. 2 for leave to change their name to that of Washington Hook and Ladder Company No. 2. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

On nomination by Charles B. Rice, Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market; Thomas Bennell was appointed Deputy Superintendent of said Market.

Petition of Marcus Gatham to be heard by a committee of the Board in relation to appointing him a Police Officer on Fort Hill. Referred to the Committee on Police.

An invitation from the East Boston Free Bridge Company, requesting the City Council to visit the Free Bridge.

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June 11, 1855. proposed location of said Bridge, was read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor—  
Howard A. Lee and John D. Kennedy were appointed on the Police.

Hunnswell

Petition of M. H. Hunnewell for a  
deed of lot No 12 on Hanson Street. Referred to the Committee on  
Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. June 11 came up concurred.

Lewis

Petition of Ariel S. Lewis for altera-  
tion of boundary line between his estate and land of the City on North-  
ampton Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down  
for concurrence. June 11. Came up concurred.

Harbor Master, against the abolition of the office of Harbor Master. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence.

Hamblen

Petition of David Hamblen and others  
for the removal of the tombs in the South Burial Ground. Referred to  
the Committee on Public Lands in connection with the Committee on  
Cemeteries. Sent down for concurrence. June 11. Came up concurred.

Water

Ordinance

On motion of Alderman Burke, City  
Document No 43, being an Ordinance in relation to Water was taken  
from the table, and having been amended by inserting after the  
word "purs" in the first line of Sec. 15, "relating to the subject matter  
hereof" Alderman Gunham offered a new Ordinance of Six Sections,  
as a substitute for the original—when, after a short discussion upon



the same, both Ordinances were recommended to the Committee on 337.

Ordinances with authority to report in print.

June 11. 1855.

On petition of Moses French and French  
other coal dealers for a concurrence with a Committee of the Board of Coal Weighing  
respecting the Statute and Ordinance respecting coal weighing, the Ordinance.  
Special committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported that  
they had heard the petitioners, who stated that their grievances would  
be in a measure removed by a concurrence on the part of this  
Board in the passage of the Ordinance which was adopted by the  
Common Council. Read and accepted. Whereupon on motion of the  
Alderman Drew, the Ordinance in relation to coal weighing which was  
aid upon the 11th June 8. 1855. was taken therefrom and was passed  
in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor, June 13. 1855.

Ordered: That the Joint Committee on Ordinances report all their Ordinances in print. Sent down  
for concurrence. June 14. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor.  
June 16. 1855.

The Committee on the Common and Public Squares, to whom was referred the petition of John Giffen  
and others, that gates may be erected at Central Square to pre- Central  
vent the entrance therein of cattle and children; and that a fountain  
be placed in said Square and be so arranged that a hose  
can be attached to water the grass and trees in dry weather, have  
had the subject under consideration and Report: That in the  
opinion of the Committee it is inexpedient at present to take any  
action in relation to the erection of gates; that in regard to the in-  
trusion of cattle within the enclosure, the Committee recommend the

358. petitioners to apply to the Brand keeper in that section of the city  
June 11. 1855. to remedy the evil complained of; and as to the erection of a fountain  
and use of the geohutuate water, the Committee have no jurisdiction  
in the matter, and so far they are properly referred to the  
that subject to the Water Board. For the Committee, Sam<sup>l</sup> Topliff,  
Chairman. Read and accepted and referred accordingly. Sent  
down for concurrence. June 14. Came up concurred.

Library.  
Loan.

On motion of Alderman Dunham  
the order of the Common Council authorizing a Loan of Ninety five  
thousand dollars for the purpose of the erection of a building for  
the Public Library of the City of Boston, (as recorded on page 350) was  
taken from the table and was read in concurrence with the fol-  
lowing vote, Yeas, Aldermen Clark, Gray, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Topliff, and  
Woodberry. 8. Nays, Aldermen Cooke, Corbin, Washburn and Woodman.  
4. Approved by the Mayor June 12. 1855.

Local News.

On motion of Alderman Dun-  
ham the rules and regulations in relation to the construction of  
local news, (as recorded on page 308) which were laid on the table June  
5, were taken therefrom, and were amended as follows; In Section  
Strike out all from 1. to 3. and insert as follows, "from the centre of  
the opening to the street wall." In Section 3. Strike out at 2. all af-  
ter the word "direct." Said orders were then adopted.

New York  
Central R.R.

On motion of Alderman Dunham  
the order of notice on petition of Thomas Richardson for assess-  
ment of damages for land taken by the New York Central Rail  
Road, (as recorded on page 241) was taken from the table, and was  
amended by striking out at 1. "the fourteenth of May next," and



issuing the twenty fifth day of June instant and of adding to 339.  
said order a pericial and Richardon present a plan of said June 11, 1855.  
premises claimed by him to this Board, and provided said claim  
at Boston should be considered as a claim for a "Summer Street Dock"  
which is known by the name of "Summer Street Dock". Said  
amended order of notice was then passed.

Agreeably to the report of Police.  
the Committee on Police, the nominations of the following Police  
Officers which were referred to said Committee, were confirmed  
by the Board. viz: Police District One - Edward H. Savage, Captain.  
Arnold C. Whitcomb, Lieutenant. Nathaniel G. Davis, Lieutenant. Mem-  
bers - Nathaniel Emerson, Benjamin P. Miller, Ebenezer Shute, John G.  
Warren, William E. Haugh, George P. Richard, James Ellison, Albert  
Strander, William W. Currier, John Gundry, Robert Paul, John C. Hayes,  
George N. Hutchinson, Charles S. Parker, Joseph J. Blanchard, Enoch  
Hargall, Peter D. Shipp, Hiram B. Edgeworth, William W. Hamptell,  
Jackson Shipp, Aaron W. Mason, Albert Sullen, Samuel Smith,  
Henry Leeds, Joseph G. Jenkins, William Miles, Charles H. Wright,  
Henry Benson, Ephraim Dew, William H. Reed, Andrew Mc Intire,  
Joseph H. Warren, Samuel G. Merrill, Substitutes Police District Two -  
John Merrill, Captain - Oliver Whitcomb and Harrison Wash. Lieuten-  
ants - Members - Lewis M. Allen, William C. Allen, John Boardman,  
Hiram T. Bean, Lucie W. Bartlett, John C. Bartlett, Jacob C. Currier, Chase  
W. Duntar, Amos Dodge, Joseph H. Don, Jesse Furrier, Elbow H.  
Goodwin, Mark Chase, William H. Bancroft, Benjamin D. Fairfield,  
Isaac H. Jones, George A. Kilburn, Edwin P. Robinson, John Lincoln,  
William Lapell, Benjamin B. Bailey, Erick Cook, Summer Gore, Jos-  
iah W. Kennabhan, James W. Griggs, George O. Kuller, Luciman Cul-  
nam, Charles O. Philbrick, Harvey J. Rice, Joseph A. Richardson, Abraham

360 Smith, William & Silston, Thomas M. Stevens, John M. Turner, Jan

June 11, 1855. J. Linnell, Samuel J. Cheney, Jonas & Warren, J. H. Hutchins. Police District  
Three. Samuel G. Adams, Captain. Simon J. Wright and John L.  
Harvey, Lieutenants. Members. Alfred Schulman, Stephen Curtis,  
Simon S. Knutts, George Bouten, David Goodell, Samuel C. Bacon,  
William H. Bean, Samuel Correll, William M. Durall, John S. Eastman,  
James Y. Grendell, Daniel Hancock, Nathaniel C. Parvitt, Franklin  
Greece, Benjamin Richardson, Joseph R. Morrey, Chauncey Shattles, Ben-  
jamin F. Huyler, Lucius L. Buck, Nathaniel Hall, Thomas Nelson,  
Theodore F. Haley, Peter Comaday Substitute, Joshua W. Adams. Police  
District Four. William D. Eaton, Captain. John A. Hunt, Lieutenant.  
Members. Stephen C. Atkins, Thomas W. Butler, Jonathan W. Becker, Charles  
C. Corbitt, Joseph Brown, David H. Foster, Joshua Foster, Garrison Hough-  
ton, John W. Perkins, Silas Harmon, David L. Mason, Daniel W. Neal,  
Hiram G. Chase, Augustus Blake, Alfred B. Drew, Seth W. Tapp, Solomon G.  
Tapp, John Tapp, John Tapp, John Tapp, John Tapp, John Tapp,  
Henry M. Smith, Jonas G. Smith, Isaiah P. Thompson, Aaron Walcott,  
George W. Wilson, Vera Whiting, George Churchill, Samuel Hinkson, John  
W. Morey, Moses F. Page, Richard C. Pease, James B. Pease, John M.  
Anniman, B. B. Page, William Ruy, J. B. Webster, Thomas S. Adams,  
Thomas J. Young, Curtis Smith, S. D. Perkins. Police District Five. George  
H. King, Captain. Cyrus Small and William Chadburn, Lieuten-  
ants. Members. Moses L. Capen, John H. Cook, Thomas Barney, Daniel  
B. Rowe, Charles Morris, Adam J. Jirister, Jacob B. Gott, Jr., Rufus Highton,  
Guthrie Lund, Richard Milne, Freeman C. Crawford, Chester M.  
Huggins, Edward F. Richardson, Washington Lund, Francis Deluce,  
Thomas A. Peely, Lyford H. Graves, B. G. Hulings, George Skimes. Police  
District Six. James L. Russell, Captain. Jacob Herrick and Henry J.  
Herrick, Lieutenants. Members. John L. Anderson, John L. Anderson, John L. Anderson,



behind James Simonds, George Smith, William T. Van Dine, 361  
New York, William B. Truitt, William W. Rynden, Horace W. Brown, June 11, 1855.  
Charles Carr, George Omeron, J. S. Gould, Felina Norton, Miss Howard,  
Quac B. Kimball, George W. Tappin, Richard Lang, George A.  
Horse. Police District Seven. James Adams and Samuel Gillaway  
& Lieutenants. Members. E. F. Wheeler, Joseph Grace, Jonathan Hopkins,  
William Morgan, Martin Emanuel, William H. Elliot, Harris Avery,  
W. Tucker, Ezra Vinal, Augustus Hood, William Austin, James Jewell,  
Israel T. Kraft. Officers attached to the Chief Office. Rufus C. Marsh,  
George W. Clark, John H. Estlin, John M. Dunn, John P. Lynch, John  
H. Lyon. James W. Moore, William S. Norton, Joseph P. D. Lee,  
Moore, James W. Newcomb, Josiah Livermore, Joseph H. New, George  
J. Leonard, Frederick Gage, William Prescott, Jr. John M. Keyes, mem-  
bers. Watchmen at City Hall. Josiah Stoddard, Daniel Ross. The  
ordinances of Daniel Ross, son of J. H. Stoddard, Mayor of  
District 7, were laid upon the table. On a motion of Alderman Clarke,  
to amend the ordinance of Daniel Ross, so as to make him  
Captain of Police—the Yeas and Nays being required, they were  
taken as follows—Yeas—Aldermen Clarke, Hasbrouck and Woodman. 3.  
Nays—Aldermen Clark, Boardin, Dear, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague,  
Tappin, and Woolberry 9. So said motion did not prevail.

James McEvey, a minor, was. Minor  
licensed to sell goods, wares &c. in accordance with the rules of this  
Board.

On petition of H. B. Larnport Larnport.  
for the construction of a Bay Window in Hanover Street, the Com-  
mittee on Paving reported that no permission has been given to

362. construct such windows - that such construction is prohibited by June 11. 1855. Ordinance, and that therefore the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Loring. Ordered: That there be paid to Congress St. lit G. Loring and Company the sum of Twelve hundred forty six &  $\frac{52}{100}$  Dollars for land taken to widen Congress Street, April 16. 1855. upon their giving to the city a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, June 13. 1855.

Simmons The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the communication of David A. Simmons respecting his claim upon the city for land taken in Kalthum Street reported that he have a hearing before the whole Board on Monday next at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock, P.M. Accepted.

Spear The Committee on the Jail to whom was referred the petition of Charles Spear for aid in extending religious instruction to the Prisoners in Suffolk County Jail, reported the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Irish Street. No person appearing to object to the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Irish Street, the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Reeds The subject of laying out a new Highway over Reeds Island was laid upon the table, to await the advice of the owner who is in England.



No person appearing to 363

object to the proposed widening of Commercial Street by taking June 11. 1835.  
land of Brock Thain and Company, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power. Thain.

Henry M. Parker, Esquire, Shattuck

appeared for George C. Shattuck and objected to the proposed widening of Hanover Street by taking his land - after which the subject was postponed to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

Emery B. Fay, Esquire appeared Fay

and objected to the contemplated widening of Hawley Street by Hawley Street.  
taking a portion of his land - after which the subject was recommended with full power.

No person appearing to object to Lincoln

the proposed widening of Commercial Street by taking land of Lincoln  
North Lincoln, Jr. said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power. Street.

No person appearing to object to Kneeland

the proposed construction of a sewer in Kneeland Street, between street,  
Love and Oak Streets, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

On nomination by the Mayor, Agents.

James Wilson was appointed an Agent for the sale of spirituous  
liquors for medicinal purposes and Farrall and Willard were ap-  
pointed Agents for the sale of Alcohol and Darius B. Kidder was  
appointed an Agent for the sale of spirituous liquors for medicinal  
purposes.

The Committee on Paving on the  
 June 11, 1855. petition of the Mechanics Mutual Fire Insurance Company & others  
 Mechanics for the paving of Devonshire Street with cobbles, agreed on  
 Mutual condition that the difference of cost between that and cobble stone  
 Fire Ins. Co. pavement be paid by parties interested, make the following report: To  
 Devonshire St: repave Devonshire Street with cobble Stone, the same material as now  
 constitutes the pavement on said Street, will cost the City fifty cents  
 per square yard. The Committee therefore are of the opinion that  
 with the allowance of twenty cents per yard for the stone and cart them  
 away, is all the City can contribute towards the "Nicholson pavement".  
 In accordance with this opinion, they recommend the passage of  
 the accompanying order. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Ordered:  
 That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have Devonshire  
 Street from State Street to Water Street, paved with "Nicholson Pavement",  
 provided the same can be done at a cost of not more than Twenty  
 cents, 75 per square yard, to the City of Boston. Accepted and the  
 order passed. Approved by the Mayor, June 13, 1855.

reference

On motion of the Mayor and

H. Steward was appointed an Auctioneer at 54 North Street.

Chester &  
 Northampton  
 Streets

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be  
 authorized to cause all obstructions upon the City's land between Chester  
 and Northampton Streets to be removed forthwith.

Coal  
 business

John D. A. Kellogg, Joel Jennison &  
 Edward J. Hamblin were appointed coal Weighers for the City of Boston.



Ordered, that due notice be given soon

that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into con- June 11. 1855  
sideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Broad- Floor  
way from G. to H. Street, and of assessing the expense there, on all Broadway  
persons who may enter their particular Quins into such common sewer.  
sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit  
thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be  
heard.

The Committee upon Internal Health have

to whom was referred the petition of Judah Sears and others relating to nuisances at South Boston respectfully report, that they have heard the petitioners and report the following order. Benj. F. Cooke. Ordered:  
That the owners and occupants of the within premises be notified to  
appear before this Committee and shew cause, if any they have, why  
the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted, and that Wednesday  
next at ten o'clock at the City Hall, be assigned as the time & place  
for hearing said remonstrants. Accepted and the order passed. factories.

Alderman J. M. Clark with some ap- Alderman

propriate prefatory remarks resigned his seat at the Board, which re- resigns.  
signation, on motion of Alderman Dunham, was laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the eighteenth day of June, Anno Domini 1855.

Read

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Cook.

Agents.

On nomination by the Mayor, Simon B. Harding and George A. Darling were appointed Agents for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors. Walter Lakin, Emerson N. Lincoln, Charles H. Budgett &c were appointed Agents to sell intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes and J. Porter &c to sell "Hickory

Fire  
Crackers

Communication from the Mayor concerning the expediency of restraining the firing of crackers on the night of the 3<sup>d</sup> of July was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Undertaker

On nomination by the Mayor, Thomas Harce was appointed an Undertaker for St. Matthias Church, South Boston.

Police

Accordingly to the nomination of the Mayor, Edwin S. Drew, George W. Chase, Ambrose Richards, Charles J. Cheney, Joseph N. Drake, Jesse B. French, Honzo C. Peck, and John H. Brown, were appointed Police Officers of the City.

Police

Accordingly to the recommendation of the Committee on Police the nominations by the Mayor of the following persons for the Police were approved by the Board viz: John S. Chubbuck, Captain, Jonathan Aiken, G. Weston and Paul H. Godwin



Relation of James H. Biggill 36%

Remonstrance of Franklin Drexler, Sept.

Petition of C. C. Macey that Seneca

June 10, 1855. Street be accepted and graded; of Charles H. Brown and others for the  
 Macey improvement of a portion of India Street; of Perkins Brynlon & others  
 Brown that the sidewalk on the westerly side of Beverly Street may be laid  
 down. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Stone

Petition of Eliza Stone that the

May Street name of May Street be changed to that of River Street. Referred to  
 the Committee on Paving.

Merrill

Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.  
 that it close up Foster Street for a few days; of Emory B. May for  
 Merrill have to close up two thirds of Thawley Street for a short period; of O. B.  
 May to have a new sidewalk laid at Foster Street. Referred  
 to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Dudley

Referred to the Committee on Paving.  
 a Lamp in Bulfinch Court; of George F. Dudley and others for lamps  
 History on Kenton Street; of John A. History that Halden Street be lighted  
 with gas; Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Moore

Petition of Wright &amp; Moore for a license

to sell champagne &c. Referred to the Chief Engineer of the Fire Depart-  
 ment.

Meyer

Petition of Jacob Meyer for leave to

sell candy &c. on the Common. Referred to the Committee on the Com-  
 mon.

French

A communication from Thomas C.

French resigning his office as Clerk of Ward No. 5, was read and placed  
 on file.



Petition of J. M. Hudson and 304.

others for use of school House in Washington Village recently annexed June 10, 1855.  
of the city. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education.  
Washington Village. Sent down for concurrence. June 21. came up concurred.

Petition of William J. Skel & Skel.

others for removal of Tombs in South Burial Ground. Referred to the  
Committee on Public Lands and Cemeteries. Sent down for concu-  
rence. June 21. came up concurred.

Ordered: That notice be sent Washington

to the School Committee of this city that the school House upon the lot in  
Village  
very recently denominated Washington Village and now forming  
a portion of the City of Boston, has been duly placed in the custody of  
the City Council, and that said school House is hereby placed in  
the hands of the School Committee for the use of such schools as they  
may see fit to establish in said Village. Read in common Coun-  
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

The Joint Standing Committee on

claims, to whom was referred the petition of Timothy Sullivan, to be  
paid for damages sustained from falling into a cellarway in Miltons  
cut, respectfully report, that in their opinion the City are not legally  
liable in the premises, and they recommend that the petitioner have  
leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman, Read  
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. June 21. came up concurred.

Whereas it appears to this Board East Stud.

that a nuisance exists at No. 17. East Street, caused by filth and  
sewer water in the cellar of said premises belonging to P. Greely

370 John Williams, Jr. Agent, which is dangerous to the health of the  
June 18. 1835. inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health  
be and he is hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated  
by the construction of a proper and suitable drain for said premises  
at the expense of the said parties who having been duly notified  
have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Washington  
Village

The Joint Special Committee  
to whom was delegated the authority to confer with the authorities  
of the Town of Dorchester on all matters relating to the recent an-  
nexation of a part of Washington Village (so called) to the City of  
Boston, would report in part, that they have caused the boundary  
line to be run and marked by monuments, and that they have at-  
tended to various interests arising out of said matter, and they re-  
commend the adoption of the following orders as a necessary con-  
summation of the act of annexation. For the Committee, J. Dun-  
ham, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the territory recently annexed to  
the City of Boston, and formerly known as a part of Washington  
Village, be added to the twelfth Ward of this City. Ordered: That the  
Committee on Fire Alarms be and they are hereby directed to extend  
the Telegraphic System of Fire Alarms over the said territory recently  
annexed to the City of Boston, the expense thereof to be charged to the  
appropriation for the Fire Department. Ordered: That the Archibute  
Water Board be and they are hereby directed to locate a Hydrant in  
such part of the territory formerly called Washington Village and re-  
cently annexed to Boston, as will prove serviceable to that locality  
in case of Fire. the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Ma-  
ter Works. Ordered: That His Honor, the Mayor, cause the jurisdiction  
of the Police Force of this City to be extended over said newly acquired terri-









constructing a common sewer in a street, and of assessing the  
expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains June 18, 1832.  
into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall  
receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto,  
will then and there be heard.

On the petition of Eben<sup>r</sup> Thorne Thorne like  
like - Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Concord  
Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expedi-  
ency of extending the common sewer in Concord Street and of as-  
sessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their par-  
ticular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more  
remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person mak-  
ing objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

The Committee on Water to Tucker  
whom was referred the petition of W. J. Tucker &c for a reduction  
of rates said having considered the same and respecting them  
the following report, had the petition referred to a committee. In  
the committee Thomas B. Jones and others signed and were  
referred to the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Water Jones  
to whom was referred the petition of Ben<sup>r</sup> Jones and others relative  
to taking a stand at the corner of the Public Garden and the  
First Lane having considered the same and respecting them  
the following report, had the petition referred to a committee. In  
the committee Thomas B. Jones and others signed and were  
referred to the next meeting of the Board.

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Edmunds

Grew &

Hawkins

Streets.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Grew and Hawkins Streets should be widened at the westerly angle of said streets, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to Wiley Edmunds that this Board intend to widen the streets before mentioned, by taking land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the twenty fifth day of June current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Water

Ordinance

The Committee on Ordinances to

whom were recommended a former Ordinance upon Water and the following amendments thereto and a new draft "An Ordinance in relation to the Water Department" (being City Document No. 48,) which having been amended, as follows, was adopted. First - Added before Section 1. the usual enacting clause established by the rules of the Board. Second - Immediately at the commencement of Section 1. insert "There shall be and hereby is established in the City of Boston a Department to be called the Boston Water Department." 3<sup>d</sup>. From the commencement of Section 3. strike out "there shall be and hereby is established in the City of Boston a Department to be called the Boston Water Department and." Fourth from Section 6. strike out "sixteenth day of January or," and insert "first day of June - or such other day as may be determined by the Board." and insert "§." Fifth - In Section 15. strike out "under the direction and control of the Committee on the Water Department," also "and he shall exercise constant supervision over the use of the water and the maintenance of the same in the City of Boston." Sixth - In Section 20 - strike out the word "the" before Acts and



insert "and" strike out "mentioned in the third section of an Ordinance passed in the City Council of Boston on the thirty first day of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty." Sent down for

Ordered: That, in addition to the salary to be paid to the Police Officers of this City, there shall be allowed to such officers as are detailed for night duty, the amount of such fees as they shall be entitled to from time to time as witnesses in the Municipal Court in cases where arrests have been made by them. Sent down for concurrence, June 21. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 23. 1855.

Police officers  
paid

The Common Council having elected N. G. Gales, Charles B. Hall, and William M. Townsburry, as Overseers of the House of Correction, thereby non-concurring with this Board in the election of Joseph L. Drew, George W. Messinger and Levi Boles - said action came up for concurrence: and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Joseph L. Drew, George W. Messinger, and Levi Boles were again elected. Sent down for concurrence. June 25. Came up concurred.

House of  
Correction.

The Common Council having elected Henry M. Holbrook, John Hunt, George D. Cicker and Levi Boles as Overseers of the House of Industry, thereby non-concurring with this Branch in the election of said Holbrook, but non-concurring in the election of Timothy C. Kendall, James W. Stone, and William P. Howard, said action came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

House of  
Industry.

Ordered: That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be raised on Polls and Estates of the inhabitants of the city of New York, and the same be appropriated to meet in part the city's proportion of the State Tax for the current year. This sum being in addition to the amount ordered by votes of the city Council approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April last. Passed in Common Council. June 20<sup>th</sup> 1855. Read and concurred in by the Mayor, June 20. 1855.

Shaw

Petition of David Shaw & Co. that

the same be referred to the Common Council. Read and placed on file.

Raige

Petition of J. W. Raige and others

that the same be referred to the Common Council. Read and placed on file.

Smith

Petition of Benjamin Smith

that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings in concurrence.

Shalluck

Agreeably to assignment the

Board resumed the consideration of the subject of the widening of Hancover Street by taking land of George C. Shalluck, and after hearing H. M. Parker, Esq. upon the subject, who objected to the widening on the north side of the street, the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Shaw

On motion of Alderman Drew,

the Board adjourned till next week. The report of the Committee on Taxes May 11<sup>th</sup> last, as recorded on pages 280 & 282, giving J. A. Allen and J. M. L. Spinney leave to withdraw on



petitions for sewers in N. street and in Levering Place, and 377  
said subjects were recommended to the Committee on Sewers June 18 1861.  
with full power.

On motion of Alderman Dan Gardner  
ham, the Board rescinded the order of April 9<sup>th</sup> last (as recorded Boston &  
on page 182.) awarding damages to Henry Gardner for the location New York  
of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road over his land, and Central R.R.  
the following order was adopted in lieu thereof. Upon the petition  
of Henry Gardner of Boston praying this Board to estimate the  
damages sustained by him from the location of the Boston and  
New York Central Rail Road upon and over his land as in his  
petition set forth and also to require said Rail Road Company  
to give security for the payment of all such damages and costs  
as shall be awarded by this Board or by a jury for the land and  
damages as aforesaid. It now appearing that said Boston and  
New York Central Rail Road Company have been duly notified  
of the pendency of said petition, it is Ordered: That the dam-  
ages occasioned to said petitioner by the Boston and New York  
Central Rail Road Company be estimated at the sum of Sixty  
five hundred dollars and that the said Boston and New  
York Central Rail Road Company do give security to the satis-  
faction of this Board for the payment of all such damages and  
costs as have been awarded by this Board or as shall be award-  
ed by a jury for the land and other property taken as aforesaid as  
security as the Board in this case made and provided

No person appearing to object to Broadway  
the proposed construction of a Sewer in Broadway from G. to H. Sewer.  
streets, said subject was recommended to the Com<sup>ee</sup> on Sewers with full power.





nel Lawrence, Franklin Haven and others re. that the City would  
aid in the construction of the East Boston Tree Bridge - came up June 18, 1853.  
from the Common Council, referred to the Joint Special Committee  
on that subject. Read and concurred.

On petition of R. W. Holman & Helman  
others that Webster Avenue be widened, the Committee on Streets re- Helman  
ported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read & accepted. Webster. to:

The Committee on Paving to Warren-  
whom were referred the petitions of George W. Warren & others, Washington  
and Gilbert Brownell and others, that Washington Street from Sum- Street.  
mer to Bromfield Street be paved with Nicolson's pavement; also Brownell  
the petition of Charles Blake and others for the same pavement be- Blake  
tween Winter and West Streets; also the remonstrance of George E.  
Adams against round or cobble stone being laid down, submit  
the following report: The petitioners and remonstrants were heard  
and the Committee having examined the report of repairing  
of Washington Street, from Court Street to West Street, and again  
viewed the said portion of the street, have unanimously concluded  
that the granite block pavement need not be taken up farther than  
Franklin Street and that that portion lying between Franklin  
and Summer Streets can be thoroughly repaired with the best  
of the old granite blocks which will be taken up between Court &  
Franklin Streets. The pavement now on Washington Street from  
Summer to West Streets is cobble stone and your Committee re-  
commend as before that this portion be repaved with the same ma-  
terial. In accordance with these views they unanimously recom-  
mend the passage of the accompanying orders allowing the Com-  
mittee to decide in which portion of the street they will have the





against the Police is, in the opinion of the Committee, substantiated 381.  
by the evidence given before them. The practice of compounding or June 18. 1855.  
compromising with thieves, or the recovery of stolen goods, may in  
some instances and under some circumstances be beneficial to  
private and perhaps to public interest. This course however does  
not commend itself to, or receive the approbation of the Com-  
mittee. J. Dunham, Jr. C. L. Woodman. Robert Curdwin. A. K. P. Hey. Read  
and accepted.

On motion of Alderman Drew Alderman  
the resignation of John M. Clark as a member of this Board was Clark's  
taken from the table and accepted. Whereupon Alderman Sprague resignation.  
offered the following Resolutions - Whereas John M. Clark has resigned  
his seat at this Board, it is hereby Resolved: That we express to  
him our sincere thanks for the many good and valuable services  
with which he has discharged his duties to the City; also our regret  
at parting with one whose gentlemanly conduct has won the es-  
teem of each one of us - and whose assistance and counsels have  
added so much to the success and harmony of our deliberations.  
Passed unanimously.

Ordered: That Warrants be Warrants  
issued for meetings of the legal voters of this City in their several for Ward  
wards on Thursday in every month of June instant at eleven o'clock  
o'clock, A.M. then and there to give in their ballots for one Alderman,  
being an inhabitant of said City, in place of John M. Clark, Esquire,  
resigned. Also calling upon the citizens of Ward No. 5 to bring in their  
ballots for the election of a Clerk of said Ward in place of Thomas C.  
French, resigned. The Polls to be kept open until four o'clock P.M.

June 18, 1855. was recommended the petition of Peter Hobart, Jr and others that Hawley Street may be widened, have had that subject under consideration, and report: that when the Committee gave the petitioners a hearing, their claims were urged on the ground that many of the petitioners had signed an agreement conveying to the City in fee simple certain parcels of land on certain conditions. The Committee at that time not knowing the circumstances under which these parties agreed to that instrument, supposing it to be of their own free will, the Committee was of the opinion that the City was under obligation to them for their generosity and should entertain their request even at some cost to the City. But on learning that the City of Boston in consideration of that agreement did take and lay out as a public street on the corner of Summer and Washington Streets seventeen hundred and forty four square feet of land at a cost to the City of seventeen and ~~four~~ <sup>four</sup> dollars, the Committee were informed by Mr. E. B. Fay that his contracts and work on buildings had so far advanced, that, to take so much of his land as would make a thirty feet street it would cost twenty nine thousand eight hundred and twenty nine dollars - to make a forty foot street at a less price per foot for the land than three dollars; then it would cost, together with grading, Twenty thousand three hundred and ninety dollars - upon learning the above facts the Committee were unanimous in the opinion that it would not be judicious to stop the work from going on on said buildings, but would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. For the Committee, W. J. Woodman, Read and accepted.

Intelligence  
Office.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on  
Petitions, Wm. Woodman was licensed to keep an Intelligence Office at 28 Tyler St.



Whereas, in the opinion of the 303.

Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that a new street should be laid out, thirty feet wide, from Washington Street to Marion Avenue, over land of the Lying in Hospital Corporation, and Charles Collins, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to the said Lying in Hospital Corporation and Charles Collins, that this Board intend to lay out the street before mentioned, by taking land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, this eighteenth day of June at five o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

The Committee on sewers and Drains, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Jones and others, asking for the extension of the Sumner Street Sewer to low water mark, voted that the prayer of the petition be granted and the Superintendent of Common Sewers be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause an extension to be made under the direction of the Committee. In the Committee, J. E. Gould. Read and accepted. Approved by the Mayor, June 20. 1855.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Commercial Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land beginning at each corner of the lot bounded as follows: to wit: by a passageway leading to Constitution Wharf, there measuring three feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch; thence north to the intended line of widening of Commercial Street, forty four feet and  $\frac{5}{16}$  of a foot; and thence westward to the present irregular line of the said lot, measuring four feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch; containing fifty seven square feet more or less.

384. And Whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this  
and whereas the said notice has been duly given, and as appears by the return hereto annexed, it is therefore Ordered, That  
the parcel of land here described be, and the same hereby is,  
taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City—  
according to a plan of the said street, made by J. S. [unclear]  
dated June 18<sup>th</sup> 1855, and deposited in the office of the said Board  
of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of  
widening the said street, and the cost of the same, will amount  
to Two Hundred eighty five dollars: which sum together with the  
amount of damages of persons and circumstances  
in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed  
the sum of Five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, June 20. 1855.

Hurkins

Resolved. That the safety and

that convenience of the said City, and the said Hurkins  
Wendover Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take,  
between the said street and the said City, a line of land  
beginning at the northwesterly corner of the said land, being  
the westerly corner of land of the said Wendover and Hazell; thence  
running Southeastwardly, along the proposed line of widening of  
Hurkins Street, being a line parallel to, and distant twenty four  
feet and 7<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> northwardly from, the present southwesterly line of  
the said street; ninety seven feet and 3<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>; thence Northwestwardly,  
along the present northwesterly line of the said street, twenty  
three feet and 4<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, to an angle; thence still Northwestwardly, along  
the same, forty eight feet and 1<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, to another angle; thence still  
Northwestwardly, along the same, twenty six feet and 5<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, to the



point of beginning, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the  
square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the  
intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the pur-  
pose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It  
is therefore ordered, that the parcel of land before described be, and  
the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way  
of the said city according to a plan of the said widening made  
by E. J. Cheshbrough dated June 18<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office  
of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge  
that the expense of widening the said street shall not exceed  
will amount to sixteen hundred dollars: which sum together with  
the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances  
in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed  
the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, June 20, 1855.

Resolved, that the safety and  
convenience of the Inhabitants of the city require that Sudbury  
Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to  
take and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel  
of land lying to the northward and southward of the line of  
the said street, viz: southwardly by the line of the said street, here mea-  
sured thirteen feet and <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>; Northwardly by the proposed line of  
widening of Sudbury Street, being a line parallel to, and distant  
fifty feet northwardly from, the southeasterly line of the same,  
sixty eight feet and <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>; Northeastwardly by land of Third and One  
line Ships, fifteen feet and <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, and Southwardly by the present  
northwestern line of Sudbury Street, sixty three feet and <sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub> containing  
nine hundred and thirty two square feet, more or less. And Whereas,  
due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the

386     said piece of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the  
said order of the Board of Aldermen, and the same hereby is taken and laid  
out as a public street or way of the said city according to a plan of  
the said widening made by A. H. Hough dated June 18<sup>th</sup> 1855, and  
approved in the office of the said Board of Aldermen, and this  
Board does advise that the expense of widening the said Mulberry  
Street, as described, will amount to forty six hundred and fifty  
dollars, which sum together with the amount of estimates of previ-  
ous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present  
municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars,  
approved by the Mayor, June 26. 1855.

Resolved, that the safety and  
convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Commer-  
cial Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary  
to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a  
parcel of land belonging to said Lincoln bounded as follows, viz:  
Southerly by land belonging to said Lincoln from the street line to  
within Commercial Street, there measuring twelve feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Easterly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, eight-  
ty one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Westerly by land of the City of Boston, six  
feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Northerly by the present line of the said street,  
eighty two feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing seven hundred and thirty nine  
square feet, more or less, and another parcel of land bounded as  
follows, viz: Southerly by land of the said city, there measuring  
six feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Easterly by the proposed line of widening of the  
said street, fifty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Northerly by the present line of  
the said street, fifty one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing one hundred and  
thirty two square feet, more or less, and whereas due notice has been



and the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of 507  
square feet upon grounds, as appears by the return hereto, June 18, 1833.  
It is therefore Ordered, That the parcels of land before de-  
scribed, and the same hereby are taken and laid out as a  
public street or way of the said city - according to a plan  
and widening made by E. S. Chubbrough dated September  
1833, and deposited in the office of the said Board of Alder-  
men, and the Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening  
the said Commercial Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Four  
thousand four hundred and five dollars; which sum together  
with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or disconti-  
nuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not  
exceed the sum of four thousand dollars. And it is further Ordered,  
That all the land belonging to the city of Boston, lying between  
the parcels of land above described, and extending to the said  
widening, and being part of an engine house lot, be, and  
the same hereby is laid out as a public street or way of the said  
city according to the said plan. Approved by the Mayor, June 20, 1833.

Whereas the Board of Aldermen Commercial  
by a vote and order passed this day have widened Commer- Street  
and the same is now open to the public use of the  
city and whereas in pursuance of the  
act as aforesaid an exchange of land can be ad-  
made between the said city and the private, it is hereby  
ordered, That the said land be conveyed to the city of Boston  
and the same be laid out as a public street or way of the said  
city according to the said plan. Approved by the Mayor, June 20, 1833.





and will read with surprise that the expense of running out the  
last year's debt, as ascertained will amount to twenty two hundred and  
one and a half dollars: which sum, together with the amount of inter-  
ests & various disbursements & discontinuances in said debt,  
during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of  
five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, June 20, 1855.

The Committee on the Town House  
man and Public Schools to whom was referred the petition of Oliver Knapp  
to put in order the fire and in front of the premises occupied by the  
New England Female Reform Society, and to abate  
the nuisance thereon, and also to have considered the same and  
the Committee not having jurisdiction in the matter to  
advise the petitioners to withdraw. Read & accepted.

Specifically to the report of the Board  
on the matter on Steam Engines there was granted to the Board and  
to the Board and an a Steam Engine as appraised by the Board.

And whereas, by submitted to the School  
the Board the following resolution - Resolved: That in the opinion  
of the City Council, and in order to avoid any conflict of jurisdiction  
between the co-ordinate branches of the City Government  
the School Committee of this City should be, as in and to some  
past years, we always been, the proper and original judges of the  
propriety and necessity of establishing new and additional schools  
within the limits of this City, and that the City Council will not  
interfere, and therefore entertain and consider any communication  
which the School Committee may see fit to make to

7th June 1855. Item upon these subjects or upon the subject of the location of  
Senior House in this city, ordered: That a copy of the same be  
transmitted to the Senior Committee. Read and adopted.

11th June 1855. The Committee on having on  
the petition of Mr. Adair and others that a portion of Village and  
Union Streets be widened, ordered, that in their opinion the said Street  
should be widened and opened, but as there is some question as  
to the laying out, they would recommend that said petition be  
referred to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets. Read  
and accepted.

12th June 1855. By the City Engineer of the Fire Department, a memorial was  
presented to Thomas L. Smith, Esq. Mayor.

13th June 1855. Resolved: That the Committee on laying out  
streets, be instructed, that they be ready instructed not  
to expend the money of the City of New York in the widening of  
any street, nor grant any new lease, said premises, or  
any portion thereof, until the expiration of the existing lease until  
the City Council shall act upon the report of the Committee appointed  
on the 1st of June, 1855, and until the same shall be confirmed by the  
City Council.

14th June 1855. Ordered: That the Committee on laying out  
streets be instructed and they are hereby instructed not  
to expend the money of the City of New York in the widening of  
any street, nor grant any new lease, said premises, or  
any portion thereof, until the expiration of the existing lease until  
the City Council shall act upon the report of the Committee appointed  
on the 1st of June, 1855, and until the same shall be confirmed by the  
City Council.

15th June 1855. Ordered: That the Committee on laying out  
streets be instructed and they are hereby instructed not  
to expend the money of the City of New York in the widening of  
any street, nor grant any new lease, said premises, or  
any portion thereof, until the expiration of the existing lease until  
the City Council shall act upon the report of the Committee appointed  
on the 1st of June, 1855, and until the same shall be confirmed by the  
City Council.



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The Joint Special Committee on Salaries were instructed to consider and report what salaries should be paid the several City and County Officers for their services during the present year special law document No. 17. Read and laid on the table.

The Joint Special Committee on Salaries were appointed to consider and report what salaries should be paid the several City and County Officers for their services during the present year special law document No. 17. Read and laid on the table. The subject, especially submit the following Report: That they recommend a convention be held of both branches of the City Council, according to the provisions of the City Charter, in order to fix the compensation of the Mayor after the expiration of the present Municipal year, they therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. In the committee, Mr. Spague, Chairman, moved: That the City Council meet in convention on Thursday evening June twenty at eight and a half o'clock, P.M. for the purpose of determining what salary shall be paid the Mayor per annum after the expiration of the present Municipal year. Read and laid on the table.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby instructed to stay all ...  
...in ...



















John S. Guelder

En pelition of Hook and Laddler

Fire crackers.

1. *Adaptation*





400. At the rate of Three thousand dollars per annum, for performing  
the duties of City and County Engineer and Surveyor, and there-  
upon is directed that the sum of Five thousand and six hundred  
dollars per annum be paid to his wife; and he shall account  
for all such money and commission which he shall receive in  
said capacity. Sect. 3. The salary of the City Engineer shall be at  
the rate of Twenty eight hundred dollars per annum. The salary  
of the Assistant Engineer shall be at the rate of Twelve hun-  
dred dollars per annum. Sect. 4. The salary of the City Solicitor  
shall be at the rate of Five thousand dollars per annum, which shall  
be in full for his services, and so said Solicitor that he may  
employ. Sect. 5. The salary of the Auditor of accounts shall be at the rate  
of Twenty five hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed  
the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars per annum to be paid to  
his permanent clerk; and he shall account for all sums of  
money received by him in said capacity. Sect. 6. The salary of the  
City Clerk shall be at the rate of Five thousand dollars per annum,  
and he shall be allowed the further sum of Twenty five hundred  
dollars to be paid to his assistant clerk, one of whom shall be re-  
quired to prepare the annual voting list; and he shall ac-  
count for all fees for recording mortgages of personal property,  
and all other sums of money received in his official capacity. Sect.  
7. The salary of the Superintendent of the Boston Lunatic Hospital  
shall be at the rate of Fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and  
he shall be allowed sufficient house room, fire of rent, and board  
for himself and his family in said Hospital, which compensa-  
tion and privileges shall be in full for his services as Superintendent  
of said Hospital and also as Physician to all the Public Institutions  
at South Boston. Sect. 8. The salary of the Master of the House of



Section shall be at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed sufficient house room in said building for office, and board for himself and his family, but no other fees or perquisites shall be allowed him. The salary of the Clerk of the Board of Overseers of the House of Correction shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 9. The salary of the Port Physician shall be at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum and he shall be allowed sufficient house room, for office, and board for himself and his family, but no other fees or perquisites shall be allowed him. Sect. 10. The salary of the Chief of Police shall be at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the first Police Deputy shall be at the rate of seven hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the second Police Deputy shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the Clerk of Police shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 11. The salary of the Captain of Police shall be at the rate of three dollars per day. Sect. 12. The salary of the Sergeants of Police shall be at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents per day. Sect. 13. The salary of the Day and Night Police Officers shall be at the rate of two dollars per day. Sect. 14. The salary of the Superintendent of Fire Alarms shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum. Sect. 15. The salary of each of the Justices of the Peace Court shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 16. The salary of the Clerk of the Peace Court shall be at the rate of seventeen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 17. The salary of the first Assistant Clerk of the Peace Court shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 18. The salary of the second Assistant Clerk shall be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 19. The salary











shall be at the rate of Seven hundred and fifty dollars  
 per annum. Sect. 30. There shall be paid to a Clerk to be elected in  
 writing by the City Council one thousand dollars per annum and  
 all rent attending and special committees of the City Council when  
 requested to do so and perform such clerical duties as may be re-  
 quired of him by the Mayor and Aldermen at the rate of Seven  
 hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 31. There shall be paid to a Peo-  
 ple whose duty it shall be to make all the firing and do all the clean-  
 ing necessary in the City Hall, the sum of Seven hundred and  
 fifty dollars per annum. Sect. 32. There shall be paid to a Peo-  
 ple whose duty it shall be to make all the firing and do all the clean-  
 ing necessary in the City Building, so called, the sum of Two hundred dollars per  
 annum; the whole to be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent  
 of Public Buildings. Sect. 33. The salary of the Superintendent of the  
 Mount Washington Avenue Bridge shall be at the rate of Six hun-  
 dred and fifty dollars per annum. The salary of the Assistant Super-  
 intendent shall be at the rate of Five hundred dollars per annum;  
 which salaries shall be in full for their services, and for all am-  
 any assistants they may employ. Sect. 34. The salary of the Super-  
 intendent of the Boston Free Bridge shall be at the rate of Nine hun-  
 dred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed the use of the  
 shop on said Bridge and fire; the said compensation and privilege  
 to be in full for his services, and the services of such assistants as  
 he may employ. Sect. 35. The salary of the Superintendent of the  
 Boston South Bridge shall be at the rate of Five hundred dollars per  
 annum, and he shall be allowed the use of the House and shop on  
 said Bridge and fire; the said compensation and privilege to be in  
 full for services for himself and assistants. Sect. 36. The salary of the

106. Superintendent of the East Boston and Chelsea Bridge shall be at  
une. 21. 1855. the rate of Three Hundred dollars per annum. Sect 42. The  
amount of the salary of the Superintendent of the East Boston and Chelsea Bridge shall be at  
the rate of Three Hundred dollars per annum. Read: That whenever any City Officer  
shall demand payment for his salary or any part thereof, it shall be  
the duty of the City Treasurer to pay the same out of the City Treasury and  
all sums due from such Officer to the City. Sent down for concurrence.

Mayor's  
Salary.

The report of the Committee  
on Salaries submitted June 18<sup>th</sup> and order proposing to hold a Con-  
vention of the City Council on Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> at eight and a  
motion to adjourn till Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> at eight and a  
motion to the Mayor of the City after the present Municipal year has recorded  
on page 189, were taken from the table. Read, accepted and the order  
passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 21. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.



At a special meeting of the Board 187  
of the City of New York, held at City Hall on Friday the  
14th day of June 1893.

Read,

Report of the Board of Aldermen, Aldermen Sprague, and  
and the Board of Aldermen, and the Board of Aldermen.

Resolution of William H. Smith

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen do hereby

Resolution of Gust and Benton

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Resolution of John Scutcher and

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June 29, 1855.

Hudson  
Street.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police  
be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Hudson Street, and  
have not and their sidewalks to cause their sidewalks to be paved  
with brick, according to law; within twenty days from the date hereof,  
or the same will be done at their expense.

Church  
Street.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police  
notify Daniel H. Taylor, the purchaser of the estate at the corner of  
Church and Church Streets, to remove so much of the building there-  
on and all other obstructions which project over the line of widening  
of said Church Street, within ten days from this date - and in default  
thereof the Chief of Police is hereby directed to cause said obstructions  
to be removed at the expense of said Taylor.

Common  
Lot.

Ordered: That one lot of land origi-  
nally purchased by the City of Daniel Crowley and others on the cor-  
ner of Sumner and Hamilton Streets for the purpose of erecting there-  
on a Grammar School House, be sold at auction under the direc-  
tion of the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.  
June 25. Same up concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 27, 1855.

Street.

Ordered: That the lot of land origi-  
nally purchased by the City of Daniel Crowley and others on the cor-  
ner of Church and Church Streets and will not be required  
for the widening of said Church Street, be sold at auction under  
the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.  
Sent down for concurrence. June 25. Same up concurred. Approved  
by the Mayor June 27, 1855.



Ordered: That the Chief of Police

be directed to notify the owner of the building to remove it from the  
corner of the street, within twenty days, and if the said building is not re-  
moved at the expiration of that time, then the said Chief of Police is  
authorized to cause the same to be removed at the expense of  
the city.

Ordered: That so much of the  
land as the buildings thereon standing, which is situated at the  
corner of the street and Church Street and which will not be required  
for the widening of the street, be sold to the city, and the proceeds  
of the sale be used by the committee on laying out and widening streets.  
Approved by the Council, June 25, 1855. Approved by  
the Mayor, June 27, 1855.

The Common Council having  
considered the same is heard in the passage of the various sections of  
the bill, and the following amendments: viz- 1<sup>st</sup> In Section 2.  
insert "and" instead of "or". 2<sup>nd</sup> Sec. 5. insert "seventeen" instead of  
"eighteen". 3<sup>rd</sup> Sec. 6. insert "city" instead of "public" 4<sup>th</sup> In the margin of the  
bill, Sec. 7. insert "nine" instead of "eight". 5<sup>th</sup> Sec. 10. insert "eighteen"  
instead of "seventeen". 6<sup>th</sup> Sec. 14. insert "eight" instead of "four". 7<sup>th</sup> Sec. 22.  
insert "one hundred" instead of "one thousand". 8<sup>th</sup> Sec. 26. insert "nine"  
instead of "ten". 9<sup>th</sup> Sec. 27. insert "Secretary of the Committee on Internal  
Affairs" instead of "one hundred and twenty dollars per  
annum". 10<sup>th</sup> Sec. 28. insert "seven" instead of "seven". 11<sup>th</sup> Sec. 30. insert  
"five hundred" instead of "one hundred and fifty". 12<sup>th</sup> Sec. 30. also  
insert "one hundred" instead of "one hundred and fifty", also in-  
sert "one hundred" instead of "one hundred and fifty" in fourth line  
of the section. 13<sup>th</sup> Sec. 31. insert "one hundred" instead of "one hundred and fifty".











June 23, 1886

and returned the consideration of the order of the city council directing the committee on Public Buildings to stay all further proceedings in the matter of purchasing a site for a Common School House. Head Mr. Alderman Hutchinson moved for the indefinite postponement of the order and called for the Gut and Soap boxes which are much as follows. Head Aldermen Gordon, Brew, Luntum, Gould, Spague, Spring, Hutchinson, Headman & Say. Aldermen Cooke, Jay and ...

Notice from Alderman H. Thayer  
that he had enclosed a small portion of the ...  
of ... Street for the purpose of securing his rights as the owner thereof, was read and placed on file.

The Joint Special committee on Public Works  
to whom was referred the subject of ... Streets,  
respectfully report in part: That they have given the subject sufficient attention to become satisfied that it is one of great importance to the public, and is deserving of more careful consideration than it has ever received. The real character of the streets in this part of the city is the subject of dispute, and the conflicting rights of different parties are so numerous and so conflicting as to satisfy the committee that the most and perhaps the only safe, economical and prudent manner of dealing with the subject, is to attempt to negotiate with the various parties before actually using the ...  
dedicated to the public, or of laying out new streets. Some of these proposed streets are of great importance, others in the opinion of the committee, may be safely discontinued entirely. But the committee will be able to recommend the discontinuance of any street unless the

1114. City may be guaranteed against damages. They are unanimous  
1855. ly of the opinion that a portion of Lincoln and Wheeland streets  
may be discontinued without injury to the public and that such  
a course is desirable if the city can be saved harmless from all  
claims for damages, and they are also unanimously of the opin-  
ion that Albany Street where it is crossed by the Boston & Worcester  
Rail Road ought to be laid out by a suitable bridge over the road,  
if any party will give the city a suitable bond of indemnity ag-  
ainst such damages. In regard to these projects the Committee  
have made an arrangement by which they may all be accom-  
plished without any claim whatever on the city for land damages.  
In regard to the other streets on the South side the Committee are  
making some progress and will submit a further report soon.  
Meanwhile as there is no necessary connection between the propos-  
al action above mentioned, and the rest of the South Side Streets,  
the Committee recommend the passage of orders of notice respect-  
ing a portion of Wheeland Street and of Albany Street. For the Com-  
mittee, Albert Cowdin, Chairman. Whereas, In the opinion of the  
Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Lowell, that  
all that portion of Wheeland Street which lies between Albany and  
Lincoln Streets should be discontinued, it is therefore hereby ordered  
that due notice be given to the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Cor-  
poration and the South Side Board and all other persons interested  
that this Board intend to discontinue said portion of the Street  
before mentioned, as a public Street, and that Monday, the second  
day of July at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hear-  
ing any objections which may be made thereto. Whereas, in the opin-  
ion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants  
require that Albany Street between Currier and E. Orange Streets should



incorporated and opened or have been bridged over the Boston and 415.

Resolved: That it is the order of the Board: That due notice be given to the Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation and the South River Co. that this Board intend to open the street before mentioned, by taking the land of the said corporations and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday the second day of July at ten o'clock, A.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto. Read, accepted and the order passed.

The Committee on Internal Epidemic

Health to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor relating to the prevention of epidemic disease respectfully report the following order. For the Committee, R. H. Stone, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee upon Internal Health be and hereby is authorized with full power to take such precautionary measures as they may deem proper and necessary for the prevention of epidemic diseases. Accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, June 27, 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health notify the several owners of vacant lots of land on which stagnant and offensive water exists to abate the nuisance caused thereby and in the event that each and every nuisance arising from such cause is not abated by the owners of said lots after due notice, then and in all such cases the said Superintendent of Health is requested, directed and empowered to use proper and effectual means to abate the same, and charge the expense thereof to the parties liable therefor. Witness my hand and the seal of the Board of Health this 27th day of June 1855.











1st day of August and that he pay the sum of ten dollars per  
day for such occupation, to exhibit a collection of Wild Animals. June 23. 1855.

According to the report of the Com. Edwards  
Committee on Steam Engines, leave was granted to Edwards, Hornold Steam Engine.  
Hornold and use a Steam Engine at the corner of Mills and  
Green Streets.

Permission was given to Jacob Meyer  
Hornold to sell candy etc. on the Common July fourth next.

A license to keep an Intelligence  
Office at No 23 State Street was granted to Hust and Denton. Intelligence  
Office

Philip Gregory Nathaniel G. Hooker  
and Perry B. Miller were appointed Weighers of Coal. Weighers

Alderman Drew, by permission of the Board made a personal statement, relative to certain charges  
brought against him about the Steam Fire Engine - read and placed  
in file. Steam  
Fire Engine

The Board resolved to take from the table the subject of the location of the Metropolitan Mail Road Mail Road

Ordered: That the selection of a  
location for a Summer School House in Wards 5 and 6 be referred  
to the members of the City Council from these Wards in conference in Wards  
5 and 6 and a committee from these Wards, and that as a  
committee the said members of the City Council report to the  
City Council. The same day of concurrence, came up and curial. Ap-  
proved by the City Council.

June 25, 1855. be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to cancel bond  
 Hill, Smith numbering 1199, given by Hill, Smith and Clark bearing date  
 & Clark. October 7<sup>th</sup> 1854, for land purchased on Worcester Street west of the  
 Bond. monument and receive a new bond to correspond with the new bound-  
 aries of said tract as laid out by the Committee on Public Lands,  
 and approved by the Board of Aldermen June 25, 1855. Resol. Sent  
 down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
 June 27, 1855.

Hill and

The Joint Standing Committee.

Russell.

Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Hill and  
 Russell, having duly considered the same would recommend the  
 adoption of the following order for the Committee, Item "To pay".  
 Chairman. Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authoriz-  
 ed and requested to execute and deliver to W. H. Pease and Henry  
 C. Russell warranty deed for lots numbered 3, 28, 32, 34 and 129,  
 situated on Chester and Southampton Streets, upon their surrender-  
 ing to the City the agreements of sale of said lots given by the City,  
 and upon their executing and delivering to the City a mortgage  
 for five years upon lot number 28, on Chester Street with the build-  
 ings thereon, with interest payable annually for the amount  
 of their liabilities due the City on account of said lots on the first  
 day of his next, and together with a policy of insurance on  
 the said lot in the name and for the benefit of the City of Bos-  
 ton to the amount of eight thousand dollars, said policy to be  
 satisfactory to the Mayor for the time being, and said Hill and  
 Russell to exhibit satisfactory proof that there is no lien or claim  
 of any nature whatever existing upon said lot. Resol. Sent down for  
 concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 27, 1855.



the on licenses submitted to the Board the following series of rules, June 28, 1855, and resolutions for the government of Hackney Carriages, Cabs, Hackney Buses, Trunks and Wagons, which were adopted by the Board, viz: Carriages Ordered: That the following rules be, and the same are hereby adopted to regulate Hackney coaches and other vehicles.

Rules & Regulations: that is to say: Hackney Carriages. Section 1. Every stage coach, cab, chariot, coach, barouch, landau, or other vehicle, whether on wheels or runners, drawn by one or more horses, or other animal power, which shall be used in the City of Boston for the conveyance of persons for hire, from place to place within said City, shall be deemed a Hackney carriage within the meaning of these regulations. Sect. 2. No person shall set up, use, or drive in the City of Boston, any Hackney carriage, for the conveyance of persons for hire, from place to place within said City, without a license for such carriage from the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, for no more than twenty dollars, every time such carriage is used. Sect. 3. The Board of Aldermen and Common Council may, at their discretion, grant licenses to such persons, and upon such terms as they may deem expedient, to set up, use, or drive Hackney carriages for the conveyance of persons for hire, from place to place within said City, and may also refuse to grant licenses at their discretion; and a record of all licenses so granted shall be kept by the Chief of Police. Sect. 4. For every license so granted, the holder thereof shall pay to the City of Boston, for the use of the City; and he shall pay over the same to the City Treasurer. Sect. 5. No license so granted shall be assigned, sold, or transferred, without the consent of the Board of Aldermen, endorsed thereon by the Chief of Police. Sect. 6. The person





on the side of the shafts, painted with black paint upon the side and front of each of said lamps, in such a manner that the same may be distinctly seen and known, when the same are being standing or driving. The name of the owner and driver, and the number of the license, together with the rates of fare, shall be printed on a card and placed in all hackney carriages, in the most conspicuous place, for the information of passengers. And if any owner or driver of any hackney carriage shall use or suffer any such carriage, or permit the same to be used and driven, without complying with the foregoing requisitions, or use, or permit to be used or driven, any such carriage in the city, without its lamps be lighted and numbered as aforesaid, said owner and driver shall be liable to a fine of not less than two nor more than twenty dollars for each offence. Sect. 9.

And if any owner or driver of any hackney carriage shall use or suffer any such carriage to be used, with any other number upon the same than that assigned by the Board of Aldermen; nor with such number placed on any other part of such carriage than that designated in the preceding section, under a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars every time such carriage is used.

Sect. 10. No owner, driver or other person having charge of any hackney carriage shall leave such carriage and horses when unneeded unless in the care of some suitable person, under a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for every offence. Sect. 11. No owner, driver, or other person having charge of any hackney carriage, shall stand with such carriage in any place within the city, to be employed, other than the stand assigned by the Board of Aldermen, under a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.





one place to another within the City proper, or South Boston, or East Boston, twenty five cents; and to or from South Boston and East Boston, to any part of the City, thirty seven and a half cents, exclusive of tolls. For children between three and twelve years of age, if more than one, or if accompanied by an adult, full price only is to be charged for each child; and for children under three years of age, when accompanied by their parents or any adult, no charge is to be made. Every owner, driver, or other person having charge of any hackney carriage, shall carry with each passenger, in addition to one trunk, a valise, a saddle-bag, <sup>carpet bag</sup> portmanteau, box, bundle, basket, or other article used in traveling, if he be requested so to do, without charge or compensation therefor: but for every additional trunk, or other such article as the above named, more than one, he shall be entitled to demand and receive the sum of five cents. Sect. 16. No hackney carriage used for the conveyance of passengers shall be driven by a minor, unless he be specially licensed by the Board of Aldermen, under a penalty of not less than two, nor more than twenty dollars for each offence. Omnibuses. Sect. 17. Each license of any omnibus belonging to any line may specify the time that said omnibus shall leave the stand, and no omnibus shall leave the stand designated for it until five minutes have elapsed after the departure of the omnibus immediately preceding, under a penalty of not less than two nor more than twenty dollars for each offence. Sect. 18. No driver of any omnibus belonging to any line shall stop his omnibus on any part of the route assigned thereto, unless called by or to leave a passenger, and then for no longer time than may be sufficient for such passenger to take his seat at or to leave the omnibus, under a penalty of not less than two nor more than twenty dol-

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law for each offence. Sect. 19. The driver of every omnibus, when  
June 25, 1835. passing through Washington, Court and Manover streets, shall  
receive and leave passengers on his right side of said streets only,  
under a penalty of not less than two nor more than twenty dol-  
lars for each offence. Sect. 20. No owner or driver of any omnibus  
shall drive his omnibus or permit the same to be driven on any  
other route or streets than that hereinafter designated and estab-  
lished by the Board of Aldermen, under a penalty of not less than  
two nor more than twenty dollars for each offence. And the  
following rules be, and the same are hereby adopted, to regulate  
certain carriages and other vehicles, and for the regulation  
thereof, that is to say: Sect. 21. Every truck, wagon,  
and every other vehicle which shall be used within the city of Boston for the con-  
veyance of persons or goods, with or without passengers, or for the  
transportation of lumber, stone, brick, sand, gravel, clay, dirt, rubbish, goods, wares, furni-  
ture, merchandise, building materials, or article or thing whatsoever,  
whether of a like description or not, shall be licensed, as hereinafter  
provided and shall have placed on the outside, and each side  
of the same, the name of the owner, and the number of the license,  
in plain, legible words and figures, of not less than one and one  
half inches in size, and so that the name may be distinctly seen;  
and if the owner of any such vehicle, shall use, or suffer the same  
to be used, or if any other person shall use any such vehicle with-  
out being licensed as hereinafter provided, or without having the  
name and number so placed as aforesaid, they or either of them  
shall be liable to a fine of not less than three dollars, nor more than  
twenty dollars for each offence. Sect. 22. The Board of Aldermen will,  
from time to time, grant licenses to such persons and upon such



as they may deem expedient to have a stand for, to use and  
to drive any such vehicle as aforesaid, within the city of Boston, June 25, 1835.  
and they may revoke such licenses at their discretion, and a  
record of all licenses so granted shall be kept by the Chief of Police.  
Sect. 23. For every license so granted there shall be paid to the Chief  
of Police the sum of one dollar for the use of the city; and the  
Chief of Police shall pay over the same to the City Treasurer. Sect. 24.  
All licenses granted as aforesaid, shall expire on the first day of  
July next after the date thereof, and no license for any vehicle  
which has a stand in any street, or square, shall be sold, as-  
signed or transferred, without the consent of the Board of Aldermen,  
and a license for any such vehicle, shall for all the purposes  
of their orders, be considered as the owner of the same, and liable  
to all forfeitures and penalties herein contained, unless upon the  
sale of any such vehicle, notice thereof be given to the Chief of Police,  
and the license delivered up to him. Sect. 25. Any person who may  
be licensed as aforesaid, either as owner or driver of any of the be-  
fore mentioned vehicles, who shall continue to use any such  
carriage or other vehicle, and shall neglect or refuse to take out  
his license within thirty days after notice that the same has been  
granted, shall be liable to a fine of not less than one dollar, and not  
more than twenty dollars for each and every day thereafter that  
he so continues, but after it is so taken out such license, shall be  
valid, and no person shall, and no person shall permit any person  
mentioned in the 21<sup>st</sup> Section, shall be driven by any minor unless  
he be specially licensed by the Board of Aldermen as a minor; and  
if any owner or other person having the use of any such vehicle  
shall suffer or permit an unlicensed minor to drive any

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June 25, 1855. No vehicle he or they shall be liable to a fine of not less than two,  
nor more than twenty dollars for each offence. Sect. 28. Not more  
than two horses shall be harnessed to, and permitted to draw any  
truck, or sled, in or through any of the public streets, squares, lanes  
or alleys of the City, and not more than three horses shall be har-  
nessed to, and permitted to draw any cart, wagon or dray in or through  
any of the public streets, squares, lanes or alleys of the City, unless  
in either of the above cases, for the carriage of any one single arti-  
cle exceeding two and a half tons in weight, and which cannot  
be divided, under a penalty of not less than five, nor more than  
twenty dollars; provided that the Board of Aldermen may grant per-  
mission upon special application for that purpose, for more than  
two horses to draw any truck, or sled, and for more than three horses  
to draw any cart, wagon or dray, when they may think it reason-  
able or necessary; provided also, that four horses or other beasts  
may without special permission, be attached to, and permitted to  
draw any wagon employed to transport loads out of the City into  
the country, or from the country into the City; said four horses or  
beasts being yoked in pairs, or so harnessed that two shall travel  
abreast. Sect. 29. All drivers and other persons having the care and  
ordering of any truck, cart, wagon, sled or dray, passing in or through  
the streets, squares or lanes of the City, shall drive their horses or  
beasts at a moderate foot pace, and shall not suffer or permit  
them to go in a gallop or trot; and such drivers or other persons  
shall hold the reins in their hands to guide and restrain such  
horses or beasts, or they shall walk by the head of the shaft or wheel  
horse, either holding or keeping within reach of the bridle or hal-  
ter of the horse or other beast. And any person offending against  
either of the provisions of this Section shall be liable to a fine of



not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars for each  
offence. Sect. 31. No person shall cause to be carried on any truck, or cart, any load the  
weight whereof shall exceed three tons; or on any wagon, any load  
the weight whereof shall exceed three tons, excepting the load which  
may consist of an article which cannot be divided; and any  
person violating either of the provisions of this Section, shall be li-  
able to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars  
for each offence. Carriages in general. Sect. 32. No owner, driver,  
or other person having the care or ordering of any chaise, carry-  
all, hackney carriage, truck, cart, wagon, hand-cart, sleigh, sled,  
hand-sled, or any other vehicle whatsoever; new or old, finished  
or unfinished, with or without a horse or horses, or other animal  
or animals, harnessed thereto, shall suffer the same to remain  
in any street, square, lane or alley of this City, more than five min-  
utes without some proper person to take care of the same; or more  
than twenty minutes in any case; and any person so offending,  
shall be liable to a fine of not less than three, or more than twenty  
dollars for each offence. But this Section shall not apply to  
the carriages of physicians while visiting the sick. Sect. 33. No  
carriage or vehicle of any description, whether of burden or pleas-  
ure, shall be driven through any part of the City of Boston,  
during any time that the snow or ice shall be upon or cover  
the streets, squares, lanes or alleys of the said City, unless there  
shall be three or more bells attached to the horse or horses, or on

130 part of the harness there; under a penalty of not less than three  
dollars nor more than twenty dollars. Sec. 32. Every  
driver or other person having the care of any truck, cart, wagon,  
sled or other vehicle, whether used for burden or for pleasure, shall  
stop or place such vehicle at or near the intersection of any street,  
lane or alley, in such manner as to cross the railing or flagstone, or  
prevent foot passengers from passing the street, lane or alley, in  
the direction or line of the roadway or flagstones, on the side of  
such street, lane or alley, under a penalty of not less than three nor  
more than ten dollars. Sec. 33. No driver or other person shall re-  
move any such vehicle as aforesaid, and shall not immediately on  
the request of any foot passenger, cause the same to be removed, or  
who shall absent himself, or that such request cannot be imme-  
diately made and complied with, shall be liable to an additional  
penalty of not less than two nor more than ten dollars. Sec. 35. No  
person shall sit or stand in or upon or near any carriage, or other  
vehicle, or in any team harnessed thereto, with intent to drive  
the same, unless he or she shall have strong reins or lines fastened  
to the bit of such team, and held in his or her hands; nor shall  
any person suffer, or permit any such team to run, gallop, trot,  
pace or go, at any rate exceeding seven miles to the hour, through  
any street, lane, square or alley of the City; and if any person shall  
violate either of the provisions of this Section, he shall be liable to a  
fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars for  
such offence. Sec. 36. Every driver of any truck, wagon, or other vehi-  
cle, within the City of Boston shall remain near to such vehicle while  
it is unemployed, or standing in the streets or squares of the City,  
and shall so keep his horse or horses, and carriage or other



notice, as that the same shall not obstruct the said streets or squares, or  
or other public passages, in any other manner than is allowed to use, June 25, 1832.

the ordinance of the city council, or orders of the Board of Alder-  
men, and no driver of any carriage or other vehicle, when waiting

for such carriages, or other vehicles, respectively, or in the public

streets or squares of the city, shall snap or flourish his whip, and

any person who shall violate either of the provisions of this Section,

shall be liable to a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than

twenty dollars for each offence. Sect. 37. No truck, cart or other vehi-  
cle, shall be so placed in any street within the city, by the owner,

driver, or other person having the care or ordering thereof, as to pre-  
vent the passing of any other truck, cart or carriage of any descrip-

tion, unless it be for a reasonable time, not exceeding six minutes,  
in the loading or unloading of heavy articles, the weight of which

in any several parcel or package, shall not be less than six hundred  
pounds. And for the loading or unloading of any dirt, brick,

stone, sand, gravel or of any articles, whether of the same descrip-  
tion or not, the weight of which in any one package shall be less

than five hundred pounds; no truck, cart, wagon, sleigh, sled or other  
vehicle, shall be wholly or in part backed or placed across any street,

and no person shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than  
twenty dollars for each offence. Sect. 38. Any owner or driver, or other person

having the care of any such vehicle, violating either of the  
provisions of this Section, shall be liable to a fine of not less

than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.  
Sect. 38. Any owner or driver or other person having the care and

June 22. 1835. ordering of any cart, truck, wagon or sled or other vehicle, shall place his horse and cart truck, wagon or sled, or other vehicle lengthwise, as near as possible to the post or abutting stone of the foot or sidewalk of the shed in which he shall stand; and no more than one range of carts, trucks or other vehicles shall stand in sheds not more than thirty feet wide, and not more than one range on each side in sheds which are of a greater width. ~~and no more than one range of carts, trucks or other vehicles shall stand in sheds not more than thirty feet wide, and not more than one range on each side in sheds which are of a greater width.~~ They shall be changed by the said owners, drivers, or other persons, in conformity to the direction of the Board of Aldermen, or of any person by them appointed; and any person who shall violate the provisions of this Section, or shall neglect or refuse to obey such directions as aforesaid, shall be liable to a fine of not less than three, nor more than twenty dollars. Sect. 39. No owner or driver of any hackney carriage, truck, wagon, dray, cart, sleigh, sled, or any other vehicle, shall feed or water any horse, mule or beast, shall feed or feed any such beast in any shed, lane, square or alley of the City, under a penalty of not less than two dollars, nor more than twenty dollars for each offence. Omnibus Routes. The following are the routes for the various lines of omnibuses now running in the City of Boston, as established by the Board of Aldermen, June 25. 1835. First Boston Line. N<sup>o</sup> 1. From South Boston, through Sea, Kneeland, Lincoln, Summer, Washington and Court Streets to their stand in Cornhill Street: and return through Washington Street, by the same route. N<sup>o</sup> 2. From South Boston, over the Free Bridge, through Jackson, Avenue, Essex, Washington and Court Streets, to their stand in Cornhill Street: and return through Washington Street, by the same route. N<sup>o</sup> 3. From South Boston, over the Free Bridge, through Harrison, Avenue, Essex, Washington, Union and



Thurhill Street to the Hitchburg Railroad depot, and return by the same route. Canton Street and Dock Square Line. N<sup>o</sup> 4. From Dock Square, through Washington Street to Pinevil Hall Square, and return by the same route. Water Street and Custom House Line. N<sup>o</sup> 5. From Water Street, through Millland Street, Shawmut Avenue, Dover, Washington and State Streets, to the Custom House, and return by the same route. Dover Street and Charleston Line. N<sup>o</sup> 6. From the N.W. corner of Dover and Washington Streets, through Washington, Court, Green, Everett and Causeway Streets, to Market Bridge, and return by the same route. Dover Street and Lowell Railroad Line. N<sup>o</sup> 7. From the N.W. corner of Dover and Washington Streets, through Washington, Court, Green, Everett, Mind and Howard Streets, to the Lowell Railroad depot, and return by the same route. N<sup>o</sup> 8. From the N.W. corner of Dover and Washington Streets, through Washington, Court, Green, Everett, Mind and Howard Streets, to the Lowell Railroad depot, and return by the same route. Dover Street and Chelsea Ferry Line. N<sup>o</sup> 9. From the N.W. corner of Dover and Washington Streets, through Washington, Court and Fanover Streets, to Chelsea Ferry, and return by the same route. Dover Street and Hingham Railroad Line. N<sup>o</sup> 10. From the N.W. corner of Dover and Washington Streets, through Washington, Court, Fanover, Union and Market Streets, to the Hingham Railroad depot, and return by the same route. Dover Street and East Boston Ferry Line. N<sup>o</sup> 11. From the N.W. corner of Dover and Washington Streets, through Washington, State, Merchants Row, Blackstone, and Canal Streets, to the Eastern Depot, and return by the same route. Eastern Railroad Omnibus. N<sup>o</sup> 12. From the corner of State down Nement, Court, State, through Merchants Row, up Blackstone, through Canal, and return by the same route. Roxbury and Boston Lines. N<sup>o</sup> 13. From Roxbury, through





back, it will run in Falmouth and return through Falmouth, 135.  
Summer, South, East and the street, to Dorchester. N° 27. The route June 23, 1833.  
for the Grove Hill Line, through Washington, Dover, Madison Avenue,  
the four streets and Washington, to Franklin Street, and return  
by the same route. N° 28. From N° 28. From N° 28. From N° 28.  
Washington, East, South, Summer Washington, Bromfield and  
Ment Street, to Montgomery place, and return by the same route.  
Milton and Boston Line. N° 29. From Milton, through Madison  
Avenue, the four streets, Washington, Bromfield and Ment  
Street, to Montgomery place, and return by the same route. Falmouth  
and Boston Line. N° 30. From Falmouth, through Falmouth

Ment Road, to Montgomery place, and return by the same route.  
Malden and Boston Line. N° 31. From Malden, over Haver  
Bridge, through Haverhill, Union, Hanover, and Elm Street and  
Mattle square, to a stand to be hereafter provided; and return by  
the same route. Roxbury and Boston, Ment Street Line.  
N° 32. From Roxbury, through Washington, Camden, Shawmut Avenue,  
Dover, Washington and Court Street, to N° 16. Ment Street,  
and return by the same route. Somerville and Boston Line.  
N° 33. From Somerville, over the Haver Bridge, through Haver  
hill, Union, Hanover and Court Street, to Ment Street, near  
Court Street, and return by the same route. Chelsea & Boston  
Line. N° 34. Over Haver Bridge, through Haverhill, Union, Hanover  
and Elm Street and Mattle square, to Mattle Street, and  
return by the same route. Buckline and Boston Line. N° 35. Over  
the Mill Dam, through Beacon, Park and Ment Street, to Ment  
Street, and return by the same route. South Boston  
Line. N° 36. From the depot, through Lowell, Alford, Geo.  
Curt and Court Street, to the Merchants Exchange, and return by

430. the same route, without stopping in State Street. Worcester Rail  
June 25, 1855. Read and State Street Omnibus, N<sup>o</sup> 37. From the depot, through Lin-  
coln, Hanover and State Streets, to the corner of Tremont and  
and return by the same route, without stopping in State Street.  
Hingham and Boston Line. N<sup>o</sup> 38. Over East Boston Ferry, through  
commercial, Sud, Hanover, Court, to the corner of Tremont and  
Court Streets, and return by the same route. North Chelsea Line.  
N<sup>o</sup> 39. From Chelsea Ferry, up Hanover Street, through Court, to the  
head of Battle Street, and return by the same route. Approved by  
the Mayor, June 27, 1855.

Barrell.

Petition of Samuel Barrell and  
others that a Boys' School may be established in Ward N<sup>o</sup> 5, was  
read and referred to the joint special committee of Wards 5, and  
6, appointed this day on that subject. Sent down for concurrence.  
None up concurred.

School

On motion of Alderman Jay, the re-  
committee. A resolution and order respecting the jurisdiction of the School Commit-  
tee and of the City Council, respectively, on the subject of new  
Schools and School Hours, (as recorded on page 389, June 18<sup>th</sup>)  
which were laid upon the table, were taken therefrom and adopted.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the  
Mayor, June 27, 1855.

Library.

Alderman Washburn offered to the  
Board and advocated the passage of an order authorizing a  
loan of twenty four thousand dollars for the purchase of Seventy  
seven hundred and fifty square feet of land adjoining the Pub-  
lic Library Building lot, and purchase to be added to the said Li-  
brary lot. Read and laid on the table, the subject of loans belonging  
in their inception to the Common Council.



Ordered: That the sum of 43<sup>71</sup>  
Two hundred and four dollars and twenty six cents be paid to June 25. 1855.  
Samuel Hatch, Esq. for services rendered in the sale of Kitts Hatch.  
and at Public Auction on May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 20. 1855. Said Sum  
to be charged to the appropriation for Public Lands and Land  
acquisitions, sum of account. Approved by the Board of  
Alders.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at Eight o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board  
of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday  
the Twenty seventh day of June, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

Alderman Dunham, Chairman pro tem, and all the Board except  
Aldermen Washburn and Shaw.

leave to exhibit a living skeleton on the Public Garden for seven  
days in July next. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

June 27, 1855. That the discharge of Fire Buckets &c. may be prevented in the streets of the City on July fourth next: was ordered to be transmitted to the Mayor.

Full.

Petition of Daniel S. Pratt for

the removal of wagon stands opposite his premises in Sudbury St.: Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Camphene

Agreeably to the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, a license to sell Camphene &c. was granted to Wright and Moore No. 50 Union Street.

Harbor

The Common Council having elect-

Master.

ed George P. Jackson as Harbor Master, said action came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Ordered: That Messrs Marble, Rogers,

Johnson.

Ropes and Dexter with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a Committee to make arrangements for the annual visit of the City Council to the Islands in the Harbor, and that the expense thereof be charged to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Sprague, Woodbury, and Lee were joined. Approved by the Mayor, June 27, 1855.

Ordered: That the Auditor of

Accounts

be authorized to cause to be printed and distributed for the information of the inhabitants of the City, Twelve thousand five hundred copies of the Forty-third Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of New York for the financial year which ended with the thirty-first of April last, and that there be ap-



presented the accounts of the Treasurer for the same year  
and year, read in Common Council, came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 27 1855.

Ordered: That the Messenger be  
and he is hereby authorized to procure one copy of the Boston Time  
for the year 1855, and of Quincy's Municipal History of Boston,  
History.  
and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 27 1855.

The joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of the Master  
Police for suitable Lockups, have attended to that duty and recom-  
mend the purchase of an Estate on Commercial Street for that  
and other purposes, as provided in the accompanying order. The  
Police Station.  
The Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treas-  
urer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, under the direction  
of the Committee on Finance, Sixteen thousand dollars for the  
purchase of an Estate on Commercial Street, and for filling the  
same for an Engine House and Police Station. Passed in Com-  
mon Council, this 10th Day of June 1855, came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Furthum, Gold,  
June 27 1855.

A vote of the School Committee  
requesting an appropriation for the alteration of the Primary  
Primary  
School House, in Paris Street, was referred to the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Pub<sup>l</sup> Buildings  
in concurrence.

4/10.

Vote of the School Commit-

tee requesting the City Council to resume the whole care of the  
Primary School Teachers for care of "her room", was referred to the  
Committee on Public Buildings in concurrence.

School Houses

The Joint Standing Committee

on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of citizens  
of Ward Eleven for a new Grammar School House; and to  
whom also was referred the petition of citizens of Ward Six for a  
new Grammar School House; have attended to that matter, and are  
unanimously of opinion, that both of these Districts imperatively  
demand attention, and therefore they  
for recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the  
Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer  
be and he is hereby authorized to borrow Thirty eight thousand  
dollars for the purpose of erecting a Grammar School House in  
Ward Eleven; also, that he be and is hereby authorized to borrow  
a like sum for the purpose of erecting a Grammar School House  
in Ward Six; the whole to be borrowed under the direction of the  
Committee on Finance. In Common Council so much as relates  
to the School House in Ward 6. was laid on the table and so much  
as relates to a School House in Ward 11. was referred to the Delegation  
to the City Council from that Ward with instructions to consult the  
Joint Committee, before us for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Salary

The Common Council having

Bill,

ceded from their previous votes on Sections 2, 5, 10, 22, 26, 27, 32, 34, of the



Salary Bill and having concurred with this in the page 441.  
age thereof but having insisted on its former amendments to the  
"one" by substituting "eight" for "four" Section 36 by inserting "twenty  
five" for "fifty" instead "twenty" after "one hundred" in the fifth line,  
and "sixty" instead of "fifty" in the seventh line of page 8. Section 37  
by inserting "two hundred and fifty" for "two hundred". Section 42  
by inserting "three" instead of "two". Said action came up for con-  
currence. Aye and nonconcurred. Went down.

Aldermen Fry and Cook were. Alderman  
appointed a committee to examine the returns of votes given  
this day for an Alderman in place of John M. Clark, Esq. resigned.

Adjourned to Thursday next, tomorrow at 8 o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of  
Aldermen, the City of New York held at City Hall on Thursday  
the twenty eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and  
seventy five.  
Present,

Alderman Luntzham, Chairman pro tempore, and all the Alder-  
men except Aldermen Washburn and Sprague.

The Committee appointed to ex Alderman  
amine the returns of votes given in the several wards of this votes for-  
city on the 24th instant for one Alderman in place of John M. Clark,  
Esq. resigned, having attended to that duty, report that the re-

1442. turns are correctly rendered and the result properly recorded in  
the 20. 1836. the book kept for that purpose, from which it appears that the

total number of votes is 1603

George W. Messinger has 1317

being a plurality, and he is accordingly elected. A. K. P. by, Reg. T.  
Coke, Committee. Read and accepted, and Alderman Cooke  
was directed to wait upon Mr. Messinger and inform him of his  
election.

Refer

Adm

A communication was received from  
Mr. Messinger, who resigned his office of Assistant Assessor for  
ward No. 4. which resignation was accepted. Sent down for concu-  
rence. Came up concurred.

chosen.

The Ward having voted to fill the  
vacancy in the Ward of Assistant Spectors existing as above, and  
the ballots having been taken and counted for an Assistant Assess-  
or in Ward No. 4. it appeared that Lucius W. Marsh was chosen.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Alderman

qualified

Mr. Messinger having appeared  
was duly qualified by the Chairman pro tempore, who administer-  
ed to him the oath of office required by law.

committee

The Chair then appointed Mr.  
Messinger on all the Joint Standing and Special Committees  
of the City Council, and of this Board, where vacancies exist  
by the resignation of Alderman Clark.

Accordingly to assignment the  
Board proceeded to the Chamber of the Common Council, and



At a meeting having attended in

445.

Convention,

Nov 28, 1852

The Chairman and Judges

passed the purpose of the convention to be the determination of salary.  
The salary of the Mayor from and after the commencement of the  
next January 1st; whereupon Mr. Sumner of Ward 7 offered  
the following order, Entered: That the salary of the Mayor of this  
city from and after the commencement of the next Municipal  
year shall be at the rate of Three thousand dollars. Mr. Soper  
then moved to substitute the sum of Twenty five hundred  
dollars for three thousand dollars. Next Mr. French of Ward 9 moved  
to substitute two thousand dollars for three thousand dollars,  
and the question then recurring upon the passage of the original  
motion proposed by Mr. Sumner, the same was unanimously  
adopted.

The business of the Convention having  
been accomplished the two branches separated and the Board

of the City of Boston.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the 2nd  
day of July, in the year 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Cooke.

On nomination by the Mayor, Police.

Samuel J. May and Samuel L. May were appointed Special Police Officers.

444.

Petition of Jonas Shallen to be paid for the conveyance of prisoners to and from the jail &c. Referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs.

Petition of John Shallen and others to be made into a small street - J. Shallen and others petitioned to build a small street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs.

Petition of J. P. Shallen for a sewer in Shallen Avenue between Dedham and Garden Streets. J. P. Shallen to be compensated for damages sustained from a defect in the common sewer in Washington Street near numbers 440, 442. J. P. Shallen & others for a common sewer in Garden Street; J. P. Shallen had a common sewer constructed in Garden Street; J. P. Shallen that the High Street sewer may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Petition of James Shallen for removal of wagon stand No. 720 from Congress Square. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Communication from H. C. Benton and others concerning the treatment of a prisoner under confinement in Suffolk County Jail. Referred to the Committee on the Jail.

Petition of Wm. H. Shallen for leave to erect a tent upon the Common July 4<sup>th</sup>. Read and laid upon the table.

Petition of James Shallen for the closing of Park Street to vehicles &c. on July 4<sup>th</sup> on account of a case of dangerous illness therein. Referred to the Mayor with full power.



Consentance of A. B. C. and  
ing and others against the erection of a three story wooden  
sheds on Broad Street. Referred to the Committee on the Fire  
Department. Gushing.

Petition of Engine Company Engine Co.  
No. 6 for a room wherein to hold meetings of their Company. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on the Fire Department. No. 6.

Petition of Alfred A. Boveil and  
others that the City would assist them in keeping Fort Point channel open  
for navigation. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for  
concurrence. July 5. Came up concurred.

An Ordinance in relation to  
County Physician. Be it ordained by the Aldermen and Common  
Council of the City of Boston, in City Council assembled, as follows: Sect. 1.  
The Mayor shall nominate, annually, in the month of July, (and  
whenever a vacancy occurs,) to the Board of Aldermen, for their appoint-  
ment, a Physician for the jail of the County of Suffolk, who shall be  
called the Physician of the jail. The said Physician shall attend  
upon all cases of disease, and perform such other professional ser-  
vices as may be required at the aforesaid jail. He shall receive  
such compensation as the Board of Aldermen may from  
time to time determine. Sect. 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordi-  
nances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.  
Read: Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Gurn-  
ham the subject of the election of a third Inspector of Ballast and  
Wigner of Lighters was taken from the table, and the Board hav-  
ing voted to elect such an officer and the ballots having ac-

446 continuing in use and counted it appeared that John. Van  
of Paul 12. was chosen. sent down for concurrence. July 5. came  
up concurred.

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Ordered: That there be paid to Wil-  
iam Sears and Calvin Ayler the sum of fifteen hundred one  
and 25<sup>cts</sup> Dollars for land taken to widen Union Park at its entrance  
from Shawmut Avenue; upon their giving to the City a Deed for  
the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages,  
costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the  
same be charged to the appropriation for Public Lands sent down  
for concurrence. July 12. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
July 14. 1855.

8. Henry  
to be

Ordered: That the Committee on Intelli-  
gence do take Boston and Sea Island to and there are hereby  
authorized to expend the amount of twenty eight hundred dol-  
lars for fuel and other expenses of running the City Steamboat,  
Henry, between to and from Sea and Ringford Islands, and  
amount to be taken from the appropriation for Houses of Industry to  
Ordered: That all sums which shall be received for conveyance  
of State Prisons to and from Ringford Island, or for conveyance  
of freight for any of the Public Institutions, or other parties, be plac-  
ed in the City Treasury to the credit of the Steamer Henry Morris-  
on. sent down for concurrence. July 5. came up concurred. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor July 7. 1855.

Ordered to  
be done

The delegation of the City Council  
from Ward 11. to whom was referred a matter, an order relating to  
the raising thirty eight thousand dollars for the erection of a new  
School House in said Ward have attended to the duty assigned them  
and submit the following Report: They find on the records of the





July 2, 1855. Joseph Bradley 1. B. H. Cooke (ineligible) 1. No choice. The Board then proceeded to a second ballot with the following result, whose number 1. Jackson for a choice 6. George J. Millard had 6. and was accordingly chosen, this Board thereby non-concurring with the common Council in the choice of J. J. Manney. Sent down for concurrence.

The election of three Directors of the House of Industry &c having been taken from the table and the ballots having been collected and counted, it appeared that George L. Vicker and John Kent were elected in concurrence. The Board also chose Timothy C. Kendall as a Director, thereby nonconcurring with the common Council in the choice of Levi Wilkins. Sent down for concurrence. July 5 came up concurred.

The election of Harbor Master having been called up from the table and the ballots having been taken and counted for said office, it appeared that George P. Jackson was elected in concurrence.

Physician The report of the City Physician for the quarter ending June 30. was read and sent down. In common Council: placed on file.

The report of the Superintendent of Health for the quarter ending June 30. was read and sent down in common Council, placed on file.

The report of the Superintendent of Streets for the quarter ending June 30. was read and sent down. In common Council: placed on file.

The report of the Chief of Police





July 2, 1855. On petition of Oscar M. Bucks  
Bucks for leave to exhibit a living skeleton in the Public Garden for one  
week, the Committee on Licenses reported that the petitioner be licens-  
ed to exhibit at any other place than the Public Garden. Accepted.

Jones. On petition of Susannah B.  
Jones to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Fifth  
Street the Committee on Survey reported that she have have to  
withdraw, an award having been made to her last year. Read and  
accepted.

Bucks. On petition of Rick Jucks and  
others that North Square be re-numbered, the Committee on Survey  
reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

licensed. Agreeably to the report of the  
Committee on Licenses John O'Brien jr minor was licensed to sell  
Whisky in this City.

valuation. John Bell, jr was appointed a  
beal Valuer for this City.

Survey Bill. Notice was received from the Com-  
mon Council that that branch had receded from all its proposed  
amendments to the Survey Bill and had concurred with this  
Board in the passage of the same. Approved by the Mayor July 2<sup>d</sup>  
1855.

Hall. On the petition of James Hall  
White Street. Ordered, that due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday  
next at four o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of  
constructing a common sewer in White Street and of assessing the  
expense thereof on all persons who may enter White Street into  
into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means



shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard. July 2, 1855.

On the petition of J<sup>m</sup> Wayne.

Ordered That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday: Jan<sup>y</sup> Street next at four o'clock, M. take into consideration the expediency of conducting a common sewer in High from Paul Street and of apportioning the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Dwings into such common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

On petition of C. W. Barney and Barney.

That and of William Sinnett and others. Ordered: That so much of Seneca Street as lies between Harrison Avenue and building Seneca Street numbered thirty and thirty one, nearly opposite to which sewer opens for taking in the top water from said street, be and the same hereby is laid out as a public highway and accepted by the City of Boston, provided, the owners on the part of the street above mentioned agree that all openings shall be closed that are deemed dangerous, and to claim no damages of the City for making a uniform grade of said street. Ordered: That if the above order is complied with, the Superintendent of streets be authorized to reset the edgestones and pave the gutters in that part of the said Seneca Street ordered to be accepted on certain conditions. Approved by the Mayor, July 3, 1855.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave Second Street from Dorchester Avenue to A. Street, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall

452 deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not se-  
cured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by  
the Mayor, July 3, 1855.

Second Street. Ordered, That the Chief of Police  
be directed to notify the abutters on Second Street from Rochester  
avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> upper side that, to lay their sidewalks with brick  
or flat stones within twenty days, or the same will be laid by the  
city at the cost of said abutters.

Order of Streets to authorized to pave Border Street from Central Square  
to Lexington Street, in conformity with the established grade, and  
remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall  
deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not se-  
cured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by  
the Mayor July 3, 1855.

Border Street. Ordered: That the Chief of Police  
be directed to notify the abutters on Border Street from Central  
Square to Lexington Street to lay their sidewalks with brick or  
flat stones within twenty days, or the same will be laid by the  
city at the expense of said abutters.

Niger Fifth Street. On petition of Cyrus Niger that a  
bridge may be built on Fifth Street over the New York Central  
Rail Road the Committee on Paving reported that arrangements  
had been made whereby said bridge is to be built by the New  
York Central Rail Road Company. Accepted.

Silver Street. On petition of G. F. Allen & Sons,  
that a bridge may be built on Silver Street over the New York  
Central Rail Road, the Committee on Paving reported that ar-



amendments had been made whereby said bridge is to be built 453.  
by the said Railroad Company. Read and accepted. July 1. 1855.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police Union Street  
be directed to notify the abutters on Union Street near corner of Sudbury Street.  
Minerva Street, to remove the obstructions in said Union Street  
consisting of a large box for window shutters; also the iron railing  
which projects into the street at the junction of Court and Sudbury  
Streets within four days, and if said obstructions are not removed  
at the expiration of this period then said Chief of Police is further  
directed to cause the same to be removed, forthwith.

The Committee on Paving to Towns.  
whom were referred the petition of Willis Skous and others that the Vinton -  
name of Mather Street may be changed to Dorchester Street, and the Dorchester St.  
petition of Thomas J. Vinton and others that the name of Boston Street  
may be changed to Dorchester Street, upon the recommendation of the  
abutters in said streets are very anxious to preserve the name of  
Dorchester Street and as they themselves are the persons most likely  
to be incommoded by the confounding of the name of Dorchester  
Street and Dorchester Avenue, the Committee are perfectly willing  
to gratify the wishes of these newly acquired citizens and they  
therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Com-  
mittee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the Street, running  
from Dorchester line to the water in a northeasterly direction, and  
formerly called Dorchester Street, and recently called Mather Street  
and Boston Street, be hereafter called, and known as, Dorchester Street  
from the Sea to Dorchester line. Read, accepted and the order passed.  
Approved by the Mayor. July 3. 1855

July 2, 1855. Agreeably to the recommendation  
of the Board of Engineers & the Fire Department, the nominations  
of Officers for Engine Companies No. 11, No. 13, and No. 12, were confirm-  
ed by the Board.

Agreeably to assignment the Board  
resumed the consideration of the subject of damages sustained by Thom-  
as Richardson from the location of the New York Central Rail Road  
across his land when at the suggestion of the parties interested, the  
subject was postponed to the first Monday in August at four o'clock  
P.M.

July 2, 1855. The Board  
took up the subject of the proposed acceptance of a portion of Albany  
Street at the Worcester Rail Road crossing, and also the proposed  
discontinuance of Kneeland Street at the Worcester Rail Road cross-  
ing, and it appearing that all parties interested in said meas-  
ures had been notified to appear before the Board this day, those  
persons who objected to the same were called upon to appear and  
state their objections to the Board: Whereupon Augustus Denton and  
brother & Breusler appeared and objected to said measure of dis-  
continuing Kneeland Street or any portion thereof. No person ap-  
peared to object to the proposed acceptance of the portion of Albany  
Street; Whereupon the further consideration of the subject was post-  
poned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At which day and hour the Board adjourned.



At a meeting of the Board 1855.

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at one hour on Monday  
the 15th day of July 1855.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department respecting a wooden building in Second Street. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Woodward & Beal to be compensated for damages arising from a depot in the Common. Situated at 140 1/2, 146, Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Petition of the School Committee of Boston for use of Faneuil Hall on the twenty third instant, wherein to hold the Annual School Festival. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall with full power.

Petition of Jacob Todd for abatement of a nuisance in Hartford Place. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of ... to be paid for land taken from him corner of Hills and Green Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Samuel A. May for the extension of Shawmut Avenue to Seabury line. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

July 9, 1855. Petition of Henry Willard, for  
license in the Howard Monument the ensuing season. Referred  
Willard, to the Committee on Licenses.

Willard. Petition of David Sears and others  
Western St. St. for the acceptance of the Western Avenue Street west of Charles Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Willard. Petition of Joseph A. Hess and  
others that Bulfinch Street may be repaired; of the Bulfinch  
Street Society that said Street may be macadamized; of Paul  
Hess and others that Dorchester Street may be graded; of  
John C. Henshaw that Maiden Street may be graded; of Aaron  
Hevens and others that Court Street may be repaired from  
Howard Street to Bowdoin Square. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.

Pratt. Petition of Phoebe I. Pratt to be  
paid for damages sustained by change of grade in South  
Wilson. Street; of Joel Wilson to be paid for the change of grade in  
said Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Howard. Benjamin Howard appealed  
from the decision of the Board respecting interments under St.  
James. Paul's Church, and William Surges gave notice of a similar  
appeal, to be prosecuted before the Supreme Judicial Court. Referred  
to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Snaw. Petition of John M. R. Snaw to be  
paid for damage sustained by his wife in Second Street, South  
Boston. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for con-  
currence. July 12, same up concurred.





158. vices, upon that occasion. Passed in Common Council, same day.  
July 9. 1855 for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
5.

The Joint Special Committee to whom  
referred. was referred the Resolve and Order of June 20<sup>th</sup> relative to laying  
out a new street from Hanover Street, having considered the sub-  
ject and heard the parties interested, recommend the substitution  
and passage of the following Resolve and Order. Resolved:  
that in the opinion of the City Council it is expedient that a  
new and straight street, not less than forty feet in width, should  
be laid out from Hanover Street to Union Street, as an extension  
of Friend Street, provided parties interested will contribute and  
pay the City of Boston the sum of Forty thousand dollars and  
it is therefore Ordered: That the Board of Aldermen cause said  
new street to be laid out in conformity with the above Resolve.  
Turnham Sumner. W<sup>m</sup> G. Harris. Charles Maye. Passed in Com-  
mon Council. Was by Ayes 5. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-  
curred. Yeas. Aldermen Cooke, Gardin, Dunham, Gould, Jay, Messinger,  
Sprague, Washburn, Woodbury, and Woodman 10. Nays. Aldermen Sew &  
Thayer 2. Approved by the Mayor, July 12. 1855

With the Common Council having elect-  
ed J. J. Ranney City Director hereby now concurring with this  
board in the choice of George S. Millard, said action came up for  
concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted it  
appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary for a choice;  
George S. Millard had 6. J. J. Ranney 4. Joseph H. Bradley 1. Isaac  
Tyr, Jr. 1. Robert Harris 1. and there was no choice the subject was  
aid on the table.





1460 as proposed and report the accompanying ordinance and recom-  
July 9, 1853. mend its passage. For the Committee, B. F. Locke, Chairman.  
Read, accepted and the ordinance passed. Sent down for con-  
currence. July 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July  
14, 1853.

1461. 700. m.

The Committee on Ordinances  
to whom was referred the order of the City Council directing the re-  
port of an Ordinance delegating the care and management of  
the Telegraphic Wire to the Committee on the Fire Department,  
respectfully report the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee,  
B. F. Locke, Chairman. Read and accepted, and the Ordinance passed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

1462. 700. m.  
Street Stud.

The Committee on laying out &  
discontinuance widening Streets to whom was referred all papers relating to Street  
Stud, Report: That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Com-  
mon Council for the purpose of widening New Street, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1853, pass-  
ed a Resolve to take five thousand six hundred and seventy two square  
feet of land belonging to John H. Barnard, John Smith and J. H. Bro-  
man. The Committee on Streets of 1854 and 1855 have not been able  
to effect a settlement with the parties. The buildings remain the same  
as when the resolve was passed, undisturbed; if the City insist up-  
on their removal it will involve a great expense, and as no dam-  
age has accrued by what has been done, the Committee are unani-  
mous in the opinion, that the public good and convenience do not  
require that the buildings should be removed, nor that the Street  
should be forty feet in width. After due deliberation they would re-  
commend the adoption of the following Resolve. For the Committee,  
C. H. Woodman, Chairman. Resolved, That the City and convenience



of the inhabitants of the City require that a portion of Ivers Street 11  
should be discontinued as a public street or way of the said City - July 9, 1852.  
bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly by the southeasterly line of  
Ivers Street as established by a resolve of the Board of Mayor and  
Aldermen passed October 24<sup>th</sup> 1853, there measuring one hundred and  
thirty three feet and  $\frac{2}{100}$ ; Southwestwardly by the northeasterly line of  
Hawkins Street, as existing previously to the date of the said resolve,  
twenty-one feet and  $\frac{3}{100}$ ; Northwardly by the southeasterly line  
of Ivers Street, as existing previously to the said date, one hundred  
and thirty seven feet and  $\frac{4}{100}$ ; and Northeastwardly by the  
southwesterly line of Adams Street, as existing previously to the  
said date, seventeen feet and  $\frac{5}{100}$ ; containing twenty seven hundred  
and eighty square feet, more or less. Also a certain other portion  
of the said Ivers Street, bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly  
by the southeasterly line of the said Ivers Street as established by  
the resolve before mentioned, there measuring one hundred and  
seventy eight feet and  $\frac{4}{100}$ ; Southwestwardly by the northeasterly line  
of Adams Street, as existing previously to the date of the said resolve,  
nineteen feet and  $\frac{1}{100}$ ; Northwardly by the southeasterly line  
of Ivers Street, as existing previously to the said date, one hundred  
and seventy nine feet and  $\frac{3}{100}$ ; and Northeastwardly by the  
said Ivers Street, thirteen feet and  $\frac{8}{100}$ ; containing twenty eight hun-  
dred and ninety-two square feet, more or less. And whereas, due  
notice has been given of the intention of this Board to discontinue  
the said portions of Ivers Street as aforesaid, as appears by the re-  
turn hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the portions  
of the said street before described be, and the same hereby are,  
discontinued as a public street or way of the said City according  
to a plan of the same made by E. S. Chebrough, dated October 10<sup>th</sup>

462. 1853. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen.  
July 9. 1855. Read, accepted and the Resolve passed. Sent down for concurrence.  
July 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 14. 1855.

Ward 11.

School House

The Joint Standing Committee on

Public Lands to whom was referred the communication from the School Committee of Ward Eleven, in reference to the site for a School House in said Ward, have duly considered the same, and would recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Sam<sup>l</sup>. Toppliff, Chairman. Ordered: That the School Committee be authorized to select any of the unsold lands situated between Worcester and Springfield Streets, for the location of a Grammar School House, provided the same does not exceed twenty thousand square feet. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. July 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 14. 1855.

Lombard

Liverpool

Street.

On petition of A. C. Lombard & Co.

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Liverpool Street and of ~~laying the same there, in all, &c.~~ <sup>allowing</sup> who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Crane

Orleans Street.

On petition of P. M. Crane; Ordered:

That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of ~~constructing a common sewer in Orleans Street and, &c.~~



the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their partition = 1163.  
lar Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard. July 9. 1855.

The Committee on Armories to whom was referred the petition of Edward Young to be paid for rent of Armory, reported the following order: Resolved: That there be paid to Edward Young, late commander of the Shields Artillery the sum of Seventy five dollars being the amount of rent due for the Armory of said Company in the month of June last. said sum to be in full payment of all claims upon the city for rent of the said Armory and to be charged to the appropriation for Armories. Read, accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, July 10. 1855. Young. Shields Artillery.

The Committee on Armories to whom was referred the petition of D. S. Hogan to be paid for rent of Armory, reported the following order: Resolved: That there be paid to Dennis S. Hogan, late commander of the Springfield Guards the sum of Seventy five dollars being the amount of rent for their Armory in June nineteenth, the same to be in full for all claims upon the city for said Armory and to be charged to the appropriation for Armories &c. Read, accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, July 10. 1855. Hogan. Springfield Guards.

Resolved: That there be paid to John Lincoln the sum of Eleven hundred and seventy five dollars for land taken to widen Commercial Street the said sum being in addition to the parcel of land given to said Lincoln by an order of the City Council approved June 23. 1855. as a consid- Lincoln. Commercial Street.

4614. eration for said widening. He having given to the City a Deed  
July 9, 1855. for the same, and that the same be charged to the appropriation  
for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, July  
10, 1855.

White

No person appearing to object  
to the proposed construction of Common Sewers in White and in  
High Streets, said subjects were recommitted to the Committee on  
Sewers with full power.

Revere

No person appearing to object to  
the proposed widening of Commercial Street by taking land of W.  
Revere, said subject was committed to the Committee on Streets  
with full power.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, John  
J. Stark was appointed a Police Officer for Station No. 4.

Agents.

On nomination by the Mayor, May-  
or, Hovey & Co. were appointed Agents for sale of spirituous and intoxica-  
ting liquors.

House of  
Industry.

The Superintendent of Deer Island  
Hospital and House of Industry presented his quarterly report on the  
condition of the inmates of these Institutions. Read and placed on  
file.

House of  
Correction.

The Master of the House of Correc-  
tion presented to the Board his quarterly report on the condition of  
the inmates of that Institution for the quarter ending June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Read and placed on file.

Orphans.

The Officers appointed to look after  
Orphan Children, and absentees from School presented their reports  
of arrests &c. for the quarter ending June 30, 1855. Read & placed on file.



On nomination by the Mayor, 1/65.

The following persons were appointed assessors within this city for the year from the 1<sup>st</sup> 1855. Edward S. Johnson, John Lee, James Butler, Richard A. Thompson, Townsend, Mallard & Gowing, J. Brown & Sons, Edward J. Hall, J. H. Porter, H<sup>c</sup> George R. Nickborn, Samuel F. Goodridge, Josiah A. Brodhead, H<sup>c</sup> Leonard H<sup>c</sup> Charles Smith, Thomas D. Dalton, Anthony Kaine, Jonathan Harrington & Son.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, licenses numbered from 1. to 1789, were granted by the Board.

John Lee, a minor, was licensed to sell shoelacings &c. under the usual rules and regulations.

On motion of Alderman Drew, the papers in relation to the extension of First Street as prayed for by John D. Richardson, were taken from the files of 1854, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists at the junction of Meridian and London Streets, caused by stagnant water on said premises, belonging to C. C. Gilbert and Barnabas Hammatt which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by filling in and draining said lot, at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified, have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board

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Liverpool

Decatur

streets.

that a nuisance exists on Liverpool and Decatur Streets, caused by stagnant water on said premises, belonging to Heirs of David Binney, J. R. M. Holbrook, agent. which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by filling in and draining said lot at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified, have neglected to abate said nuisance. Approved by the Mayor, July 10. 1855.

Springfield

Street

sewer.

A vote of the Committee on Public Lands of this date authorizing the Superintendent of Sewers to construct under the direction of the said Committee, such sewers and drains through Springfield Street and northwest of Tremont Street, as in their opinion may be deemed necessary for the suitable drainage of said Lands: the expense thereof to be paid from the Public Land appropriation, came before this Board for approval. Read and approved. Approved by the Mayor, July 10. 1855.

Hancock

Street.

Shattuck

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Hancock Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land adjoining to George C. Shattuck bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said Hancock Street line measuring twenty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Eastwardly by land of David Sears, three feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and South eastwardly by the present line of the said street, twenty seven feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing forty seven square feet and  $\frac{69}{100}$ , more or less. And Whereas, due



notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the  
said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the  
return herunto annexed; It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel  
of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and  
laid out as a public street or way of the said City according  
to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chesbrough dated  
11th 9. 55. and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen. And  
this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said  
Hanover street, as aforesaid, will amount to Seven hundred and  
five dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of  
previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the  
present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand  
and dollars. Approved by the Mayor, July 10. 1855

On petition of Jonathan Pierce. Pierce  
Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets is authorized to repair Salem Street.  
Salem Street from Charter to Prince Street, and make such change  
as in the grade of said street as he shall deem necessary and  
remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall  
deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said street which  
are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.  
Approved by the Mayor, July 10. 1855

Resolved, That the safety and Ivers &  
convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Ivers and  
Hawkins Streets should be widened, and for that purpose it is  
necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the  
said City, a parcel of land belonging to J. W. Edmands, bounded  
as follows, viz: Northeastwardly by the Southwest line of Haw-  
kins Street as established by a resolve of the Board of Mayor and

168. Aldermen passed November 28<sup>th</sup> 1853, there measuring thirty feet and  
July 9, 1855. 4<sup>00</sup> Southwardly to the Southwesterly line of Free Street as  
established by the said resolve, seventy-three feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$ ; North  
wardly to the northerly line of Free Street, as existing  
previously to the date of the said resolve, seventy seven feet &  
 $\frac{9}{100}$ ; and southwestwardly by the southwesterly line of Hawkins Street  
as existing previously to the said date, thirty two feet and  $\frac{5}{100}$ ; con-  
taining two hundred and five square feet, more or less. And Where-  
as, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take  
the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by  
the return returned annexed it is therefore ordered That the par-  
cel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and  
laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to  
a plan of the said widening made by E. I. Chesbrough dated Octo-  
ber 16<sup>th</sup> 1853. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Alder-  
men. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widen-  
ing the said Free and Hawkins Streets as aforesaid, will am-  
ount to nothing; which sum together with the amount of estim-  
ates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said Street, during  
the present municipal year has not exceed the sum of five thousand  
dollars. Approved by the Mayor, July 10, 1855.

Border &  
Condor  
streets.

Ordered: That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to grade Border and Condor Streets at their  
junction, and construct a bulk head on the line of portion of Con-  
dor Street to sustain the earth and prevent the Sea washing it  
away. Approved by the Mayor, July 10, 1855.



The Committee on Storing to 189.

whom was referred the petition of James Feeley that Charter Street may be paved near Commercial Street, reported, that as there is no sewer in that portion of the street, and as the street can be sufficiently repaired with macadamized material, the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. July 9. 1855. Feeley.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grant a permit to the Fulton Iron Company to construct a driveway across the sidewalk in Dorchester Avenue, provided, the said Fulton Iron Company will forthwith lay down a brick sidewalk in front of their estate on said Avenue, and make granite block driveways. Approved by the Mayor July 10. 1855. Fulton Iron Company

On petition of Daniel E. Platt for removal of wagon stand from before his premises in Sudbury Street, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Platt

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims having had under consideration the subject of the petitions of Charles Chipman and I. & N. Ames, severally, to be compensated for loss sustained by them in consequence of the failure of the City to execute contracts for the erection of a Summer School House at South Boston, which had been regularly awarded to said petitioners, respectfully submit the following Report: Before entering into a review of the subject matter of the several claims now before us, your committee deem it proper, in order that the entire merits of the questions here involved may be fully understood, to give a brief history of this School House, from the records of the City Council and the Committee on Public Buildings, to wit: Sur- Chipman Ames.

July 9. 1855 ing the month of May, 1854, by action of the City Council, it was Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings, in conference with the Committee on Public Instruction, and the Grammar School Committee, be, and are hereby authorized to purchase a suitable lot of land at South Boston, and erect thereon a building adapted to the accommodation of not less than seven hundred pupils, at a cost not exceeding forty five thousand dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Grammar School Houses. At a meeting of the Committee on Public Buildings, in May 1854, Messrs. Houghton and Dingley, and Messrs. Conley and Goodwin were appointed a sub-committee to select a lot, in pursuance of the above order. On the first of August 1854, the sub-committee having previously selected a lot, or lots of land, at the corner of B. and Third Streets, and communications having been received from the Committee on Public Instruction, and the Grammar School Committee; approving of said location it was, at a meeting of the Committee on Public Buildings, voted to purchase the lots, which subsequently was done. August 15<sup>th</sup> 1854. The Committee on Public Buildings voted, that the plan recommended by the sub-committee (which was the Bigelow Plan, so called, and the same as that first adopted for the School House at East Boston) be adopted for the plan of the School House at South Boston. And that the sub-committee now appointed in securing plans for the East and South Boston School Houses, be authorized to cause the plans to be executed; and the specifications made for said School Houses. The specifications for masonry and carpentry were accordingly made, and signed by John A. Richards, Architect, over date of "August 20. 1854." On the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, the Committee on Public Buildings voted, That the plans and specifications for a Grammar School House, to be erected at South Boston, be altered.



ad. as to have the windows on the outside of the building, arch- 1471.  
heads, and the corner, cornice, and the door, pediment, and window July 9. 1855.  
doors to be of hemlock stock; and proposals be advertised for until  
Thursday, Sept. 12. In accordance with the act mentioned with the  
following advertisement was inserted in the paper elected to do the  
city advertising: "City of Boston. - Sealed proposals will be received  
at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, until  
Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock. A. for furnishing all the  
materials, and doing all the labor required, for the erection of a  
Summer School House on a lot of land belonging to the city, situ-  
ated on B. and Third Streets, South Boston; the Committee reserving  
the right to reject any proposals received. Separate proposals for the Ma-  
sonry, Carpentry and Painting. For plans and specifications, apply at  
said Office. To the Committee, W. H. Burton, Chairman. The propo-  
als were opened Sept. 12. 1854, and it appeared that for the masonry, the  
lowest proposal was twenty seven thousand dollars, by Charles Shipman.  
For the carpentry, the lowest proposal was twelve thousand dollars, and  
the second lowest was twelve thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars, by  
S. & H. Ames. The lowest proposal for the painting was one thousand dollars,  
by G. J. Goodwin. And it was voted by the committee, "that the proposal  
of Mr. Charles Shipman for the mason's work be accepted. That the lowest  
proposal for the carpenter's work be accepted, provided the sub-com-  
mittee are satisfied with the bidder's responsibility; if not, then the  
proposal of Messrs. S. & H. Ames for the same work be accepted; and  
that the parties be notified that their proposals are accepted." And it  
was further voted, "that when the different proposals for the building  
of the School House are made satisfactory to the sub-committee,  
the contracts for the work thereon shall be made out." In Committee  
on Public Buildings, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1854, the sub-committee submitted the fol-

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...the argument in the building of the House was ... at South ... according to the plan presented to the Chair ... man." After this the proceedings of the Committee, as shown by the records, were somewhat erratic, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, 1854, it was voted, "That the vote passed Nov. 14, last mentioned, be reconsidered, for the purpose of negotiating with those whose proposals have been received for the erection of the building." And again on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1855, this reconsideration was reconsidered, (?) by vote of the Committee, and the Superintendent of Public Buildings was "directed to advertise for proposals for the erection of a Grammar School House corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Third Streets, Lake Street on the plans and specifications submitted by the Chairman." Subsequently contracts have been given to parties other than those to whom they were originally awarded, and the House is in process of erection. The Petitioner and other parties interested, including the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and the Committee on Public Buildings of 1854, have appeared before your Committee, and their testimony has been heard. And it is represented and shown on the part of Charles Chipman, that his proposal was accepted by the Committee; and he was notified to that effect by the Superintendent of Public Buildings; that on going to sign the contract, he was requested to wait a few days until a further appropriation for the object could be obtained; that he was informed that he might proceed with his preparations as the work was his, and the contracts would be signed as soon as the additional appropriation was made; and he accordingly purchased materials, including three thousand iron bands and ten thousand with Limerick Stone - which he says has depreciated fifty per cent. in value - and made all necessary preparations for doing the work, that about

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five months after, he was requested to make another estimate, according to the new plan, (no record appears of this fact, but Alderman Washburn stated that he thought such a vote had passed the Committee, and he did so, and again the Committee voted that the work should be given to him; and that he has without yet having been prevented from doing the work. And he further represents that the damage to him amounts to five thousand one hundred dollars. On the part of Messrs. S. & N. Ames it was represented and shown that, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1854, they received a communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, in which the following is a copy: Office of Supt. of Public Buildings, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1854. Messrs. S. & N. Ames, Gentl. I am directed to inform you that by a vote in Committee on Public Buildings, your proposal for the carpenter work for the Summer School House that is to be erected at South Boston is accepted. Please call at my office. Respectfully, Saml. C. Mottage, Supt. And they further represent that upon presenting themselves at the office of the Superintendent, they were informed that the contracts would be ready for execution in a few days; but after calling many times, they were informed that the appropriation was insufficient for the purpose, and a further delay would be occasioned thereby; and that after the additional appropriations were made, they called at the office almost daily, until the expiration of the year, and were repeatedly assured that the contracts would be issued; they also state that some of their time was occupied in making preparations to perform their agreement with the City; that they have been prevented from estimating upon and securing other jobs, to their serious disadvantage and loss, which they estimate at two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars. It further appeared that the sub-committee were completely satisfied with the responsibility of the petitioners, and



it was the intention of a majority of the Committee on Public Buildings, at all times until the expiration of their term of office, to execute the contracts that had been awarded to Messrs. Shipman, and Messrs. Ames, and the petitioners were never notified that such was not to be the case; on the contrary, they were personally assured, even to the day next preceding the close of the year 1854, that the contracts would be signed, or that the performance would begin them upon the new plans. As to whether or not the petitioners have any legal claims upon the City, your Committee prefer not to decide, and they are of the opinion that the City has no right to avail itself of legal technicalities to evade the result of the action of its Committee and Agents, more especially when it shall be to the injury of those who, of all others, merit our confidence and respect, the hard working mechanic. But as to whether the petitioners have an equitable claim upon the City your Committee entertain not a shadow of doubt. In equity and fairness, as man dealing with man - the City is justly liable; but it is possible, perhaps, that the City may escape any liability in this matter through some technicality of the law. Your Committee are however of the opinion, from a careful investigation of the subject matter, that the estimates of damages by the petitioners are somewhat exorbitant, and in view of all the facts adduced, we recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders. For the Committee. J. Dunham Jr. Ordered, That there be paid to Charles Shipman, seventeen hundred dollars, for losses sustained by him on account of the non-performance by the City of the contract with him for building a Grammar School House at South Boston, on his executing a release in full of all claims and demands against the City, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings. Ordered, That there be paid to Messrs. S & N Ames, three hun-

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died dollars, for losses sustained by them on account of the non-  
payment to the City of the contract with them for building a  
Grammar School House at South Boston, on their executing a re-  
lease in full of all claims and demands against the City, and  
that the expense be charged to the appropriation for Public Build-  
ings. Read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Albany Street.  
Kneeland  
Street.

Agreeably to assignment the  
Board resumed the consideration of the subject of bridging Albany  
Street, and of discontinuing a portion of Kneeland Street. Mr. Thax-  
ter and Mr. Bangs appeared for several remonstrants to the proposed  
closing up of Kneeland Street and they offered remonstrances from  
Caleb Faneuil and others. Lawrence City and others against said  
proposed measure:—after a hearing upon the subject, the Board  
adjourned to meet on Thursday next at twelve o'clock M. to take a  
view of the premises.

At a Special meeting of the Board  
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday  
the Eleventh day of July, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn, Top-  
liff, Sprague, Bowdoin, and Dunham.



Agreeably to the report of the Com. 1855.  
Committee on Licenses, a license was granted to G. B. Putnam for the New England  
and Athenaeum for the ensuing season, on the usual conditions.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twelfth  
day of July, Anno Domini, 1855

Present,

Alderman Cowdin, Chairman pro tem, and all the Aldermen except  
Aldermen Washburn, Dunham and Sprague.

Petition of George Williams & mask Williams  
of the Board of Aldermen that the street between that and Essex  
Streets, be closed on the morning of Exhibition Day. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving

Petition of J. A. Sumner & others, Sumner  
that a sidewalk be laid in Wallham Street from Washington Street  
to Shawmut Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Boston Lying-in Hospital Lying-in  
Corporation and others, that a sewer be laid in the new street from  
Harrison Avenue to Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on  
Sewers.

Petition of Thomas Davis for leave Davis  
to give a Sparring Exhibition on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

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Petition of David Hamblen and

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Resolution

others that a new street be opened from Washington Street to the southeast corner of the South Burying Ground. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Bemis

Communication from Luke Bemis

in regard to an alledged encroachment on land of his by the city. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

West Orange  
Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board that

a nuisance exists at N<sup>o</sup> 42 West Orange Street, caused by an obstructed drain on said premises, belonging to Boyd Howard, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by clearing all obstructions from said drain at the expense of said parties, who having been duly notified, have neglected to abate said nuisance. Approved by the Mayor July 13. 1855.

Auctioneers

On nomination by the Mayor, Dra-

per and Morse and Price S. Evans were appointed Auctioneers of the City.

Apprentice

Indentured

Indentures of apprenticeship between

Thomas, here a minor, having no parents or guardians now living, and Michael Hannett were referred to Aldermen Drew and Wood.

Treasurer-  
office for.

Alderman Drew offered to the Board

the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are directed hereby to furnish the City and County Treasurer with an office, which will enable him suitably to accommodate all the clerks of his Department in one room. Read and



referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for con- 1179  
currence. Carney up concurred.

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A Bond given by the Town of Town of  
Chelsea to the City of Boston in the sum of Ten thousand dollars for Chelsea  
the repair of the highway and bridges from East Boston to the Salem Road of  
Turnpike over Jap Brook - which Bond was provided for in the order  
of the City Council, approved June 27 last, in reference to said subject -  
was read and approved by the Board.

On motion of Alderman Joy, the Albany &  
road was adjourned to visit Ireland and Albany Street at  
the intersection of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road. Streets.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the sixteenth  
day of July Anno Domini 1855.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of William Webber for Webber  
leave to move a wooden building in Haverhill Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving with full power

Petition of Richard Shackford and Shackford -  
others that the sidewalks and gutters in Lexington Street be paved; - Whitwell -  
of J. N. Whitwell that Congress Street be re-paved; - of William Under- Underwood.  
wood that Coolidge Avenue be repaved. Referred to the Committee on  
Paving.

July 16. 1855. Doherty. Petition of John Doherty that a nuisance be abated in East Dedham Street caused by want of a curbstone in said street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Sullivan. Petition of Dennis Sullivan and others for abatement of a nuisance at 49 Broad Street - of John Peak and others that a nuisance at the Gerrish Market may be abated - of David K. Hoyt and others for removal of a dangerous building in Joy Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Paige. Petition of James W. Paige and others that State Street may be widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Clapp. Petition of Derastus Clapp that some regulation may be had respecting the sale of unripe fruit in this City. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Mann. Petition of William H. Mann for a sewer in Washington Street near Common Street; of C. Peterson that the City would repair the damage done to his sidewalk &c. from a defect in the common sewer. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Washburn. Petition of E. S. Washburn for leave to exhibit an Indian and Equestrian company in the Public Garden for three days. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

How. Remonstrance of Hull J. How and others against the proposed discontinuance of Beekland Street. Read and Laid on the table.



In nomination by the Mayor, 1855.

E. H. Milsten, and T. C. Stenberg were appointed Special Police Officers July 10, 1855, for the purpose of aiding, assisting and maintaining order among Police Scandinavian immigrants in this City.

In nomination by the Mayor, 1855.

Samuel M. Bul was appointed an Auctioneer of this City.

Communication from the Police Court

Police Court stating that S. Edwin Green, the third Assistant Clerk of said Court had resigned his office on first day of July instant was read and placed on file. Whereupon it was ordered that the salary of S. Edwin Green was resigned as per a sum of money paid to the Police Court on the first day of July instant, be paid to said first day of July at the rate of Eight hundred dollars per annum. Sent down for concurrence. Unanimously concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 10, 1855.

Communication from the Mayor Tagrants,

reporting want of accommodations for children arrested and sentenced as Tagrants was read and referred to the Directors of the Houses of Industry in this City. Unanimously concurred.

The report of the Port Physician

on the quarantine ending July 1st was read and referred to the Board of Health Council. Placed on file.

Petitions of Osian E. Lodge, Gammi Dodge.

B. Lukin, Isaac Child, severally to be paid for damages sustained by them from the closing up of a passageway from East Second Street to Franklin Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence.

July 16. 1855. *Allen-*  
*pleasant*  
*street.*

Whereas A. N. Allen has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Pleasant Street, in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said A. N. Allen that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned by cutting a part of the same and setting it out as a public street, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Tuesday the twenty fourth day of July current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

*Coalweigher*

John T. Hannister was appointed a weigher of coal in this City.

*Bridges*  
*Ordinance*

The committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the order of the City Council dated March 3.<sup>d</sup> 1855. respecting an ordinance in relation to Bridges by which the assistants to the Superintendents shall be approved by the Committee on Bridges, report the accompanying ordinance. In the Committee, B. F. Cooke, chairman. Read, accepted and the ordinance passed. Sent down for concurrence.

*Consulting*  
*Physicians*

The ballots having been taken and counted for five Consulting Physicians it appeared that John C. Warren, George Hayward, Jacob Bigelow, James J. May, and L. M. Bean Thaxter Jr. were chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. 1855. Came up concurred.

*Library*  
*Justice*

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Trustee of the Public Library in place of John M. Clark, Esq.



assigned, it appeared that George W. Heringer was chosen. Read  
down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred.

July 16, 1835

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave Third Street, from Third to Second Street, in conformity with the established grade, and to remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor, July 18, 1835.

On motion of Alderman Dunham, the order of notice on the extension of Third Street to Union Street and all the documents in relation to that subject were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Streets with full power.

On nomination by the Mayor, John Gilbert, Jr. and Barker, Carpenter & Co. were appointed Agents for sale of liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

The Superintendent of Sewers presented Quincy's sented to the Board Schedules of assessments for construction of common sewers in Quincy Street, from 3<sup>d</sup> to Dorchester Street; in Congress Street; and in Sixth Street, east of Dorchester Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

The Common Council having voted to recommend the Ordinance in relation to Camphene which passed this Board July 9<sup>th</sup> said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Camphene.

1854.

Ordered; That the Auditor be July 10. 1855. authorized to audit, and the Treasurer to pay such bills as may be Independence due the members of the City Council contracted on the fourth of July bills for last and approved by the Committee on the same. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and non-concurred. Went down.

Fire.

The Common Council having voted Department to recommit the Ordinance in relation to the Fire Department, which passed this Board July 9<sup>th</sup> - said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Harbor.

Notice was received from the Common Council that J. P. Gilbert had been appointed to fill the vacancy existing on the Committee on the Harbor Excursion. Read and placed on file.

Friend.

The Common Council having amended the order in relation to Friend Street which passed this Board July 9. by adding after the word "street" and before "in" - "that shall be straight and not less than forty feet wide," and by striking out "width" and inserting "subscriptions from abutters, and others which shall not be less than thirty thousand dollars," - said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 17. 1855.

County

Physician.

Notice was received from the Common Council stating that that branch had receded from its amendments to the ordinance respecting a county Physician, and had passed said ordinance in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor July 16. 1855.

J. Street

abutters

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be

directed to notify the abutters on J. Street from Second to Third street,



to lay their sidewalks with brick or flat stone within twenty days. 1855  
If the same are not laid at the expiration of the twenty days then July 16. 1855.  
the same will be laid by the City of Boston at the cost of said abut-  
ment.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave 6. Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets in conformity with the established grade, and re-  
move all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall  
deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not  
secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Provided that  
the abutments sign a written agreement that they will claim no grade  
damages of the City of Boston. Approved by the Mayor, July 13. 1855.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the abutments on 6. Street, from Fourth to Fifth Street, to lay their sidewalks with brick or flat stones within twenty days. If the same are not done at the expiration of twenty days then the same will be laid by the City of Boston at the cost of said abutments.

Resolved: That the Committee on Sewers be authorized to report on the proposed construction of a sewer in Liverpool Street, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

No person appearing to object: Orleans Street  
to the proposed construction of a sewer in Orleans Street said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

The Committee to whom were referred the indentures of Apprenticeship between Thomas Moore, a indentured.

486 Minor, and Michael Murall - and Pierce Butler, a Minor, and  
July 16, 1855 Daniel Gereran, have given the subject a careful consideration  
and recommend that the same be approved. For the Committee,  
Joseph L. Drew, Chairman. Accepted and said indentures were  
signed by the Board.

Sudbury  
Street - Alderman Woodman presented to  
agreement as the Board an agreement in writing and under seal, signed by  
to widening. Jeremiah Williams and others, wherein they severally agree to sell  
to the City so much of their land as may be necessary to widen  
Sudbury Street near Hawkins, at five dollars per foot. Read and or-  
dered to be placed on record in Registry of Deeds. (Vide agreement  
in Auditor's Office.)

Library  
Ald. Alderman Washburn offered to the  
Board the following order - Ordered: That the Committee on Public  
Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to purchase the lot of  
land on Van Buren Place, adjoining the Public Library Estate,  
for which an appropriation was authorized by the City Council, July  
1854, and also the purchase of the lot of land to which the Committee  
of the Public Library Building accordingly, and to send to them a  
plan of the said purchase, as said lot of land is to be added to the  
said Library Estate. On the passage of this order the Yeas and Nays  
being required were taken as follows. Yeas - Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin,  
Gould, and Washburn - 4. Nays, Aldermen Drew, Dunham, Joy, Messin-  
ger, Sprague, Teplitz, Woodbury and Woodman 8. So said order did not  
pass.

Broad Street. Whereas it appears to this Board that  
a nuisance exists in rear of Broad Street caused by an obstructed  
drain on said premises, belonging to Samuel Sanford, J. B. Kilborn, John  
Boquerius, and Mrs. Ann Bridger, which is dangerous to the health of





188. ed to pay the petitioner an adequate sum, the petitioner have leave  
July 16, 1855 to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Chardon

Street.

Ordered: That the Committee on  
laying out and widening Streets consider and report on the expedi-  
ency of continuing Chardon Street in a straight line northerly to  
Market Street.

Intelligence

offices.

In accordance to the report of the Com-  
mittee on Licenses, the following persons were licensed to keep In-  
telligence Offices. viz - Edward Nathan - Sherlock Spooner, Mrs. David  
Foster - T. A. Woodward and J. B. Stratton. Approved by the Mayor, July 16, 1855.

Lamps

Shaw's burner.

On motion of Alderman Dunham  
the subject of Shaw's Gas Burners was taken up from the table - and he  
thereupon offered the following order - Ordered: That the Committee on  
Lamps be and they are hereby requested to change the style and  
pattern of the burners so as to conform with the new style  
now used on most of the Gas Burners in Street Lamps. Read and laid  
on the table.

Kneeland

& Albany

Street

The subject of discontinuing Kneeland  
Street and bridging Albany Street was taken from the table  
and was specially assigned for Friday next at four o'clock, P.M. and  
notice thereof was directed to be published.

Water

Ordinance

The Common Council hav-  
ing amended the ordinance in relation to Water, which passed  
the Board on 20<sup>th</sup> June, and action came upon the  
currency - viz - In Sec. 1. line 3. after "June" insert "or July" - In Sec. 2.  
line 11. after "department" insert "so far as the same can be legal-  
ly delegated" - In Sec. 3. line 5. after "Superintendent" insert "who shall  
be a citizen of Boston" - In Sec. 4. after "Superintendent" insert "who



shall be a citizen of Boston". In Sec. 5 line 1. insert "sufficient instead 189  
of "such" line 2 strike out "as he may deem necessary and needful" July 10. 1853.  
line 4 after "clocks" insert "except the assistant who shall have  
charge of the western division of the Boston Water Works" shall be cit-  
izens of Boston". In Sec. 8, lines 4, 5. insert "city Council" instead of  
"Board of Aldermen and the Mayor". In Sec. 9 line 2 strike out "and"  
line 3 strike out "and" after "Auditor" insert "and approved by  
the Committee on Accounts". In Sec. 10. line 4, after "engineer" insert  
"who shall be Superintendent of the Boston Water Works". In Sec. 15  
line 4, after "visit" insert "or cause to be visited". In Sec. 23. line 3.  
insert "twenty first" instead of "nineteenth". In Sec. 24. line 2. insert  
"Boston" instead of "Coehituate". Said amendments having been sep-  
arately read and considered it appeared that the Board concurred  
in the adoption of the amendments to Sections 1, 3, 23, 24. and non-  
concurred in all the other amendments, The question then being  
on the passage of the ordinance additional amendments were  
made to Sections 1, 3, 4, and 15. when on motion of Alderman Cooke  
a new ordinance was introduced by him as a substitute for the  
one under consideration - which substitute (as on file and marked  
B) was adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at eleven o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Nineteenth day of July, Anno Domini 1855

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Topple, Cooke, Woodbury and Joy.

1855

Petition of S. Stephenson et al for leave to open the sidewalk to lay a drain to a cesspool. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Griggs.

Petition of John H. Griggs for leave to move a ~~women~~ building from South Williams Street to Lenox Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

1855

On nomination by the Mayor, Cornelius Melin and Daniel H. Arsey were appointed Auctioneers.

1855

Petition of the Register of Probate for a new safe and a new furnace for said office. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

1855

Petition of William H. Sumner for a sewer in Bennington Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

1855

Petition of Eliza Sullivan for abatement of a justment for construction of a sidewalk in East Boston of Mrs. Holman for leave to construct coal holes in Moon Street side-  
walk. Referred to the Committee on Paving.



Resolved, That the Mayor & Aldermen

convenience of the Inhabitants of the city require that Friend Street July 19, 1855.

should be extended and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to the heirs of Thomas Weyen bounded as follows, viz. Southwardly by the Southwesterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street ninety seven feet; Southwardly by land of G. E. Robinson, ward, and on land of the heirs of Nathaniel Hey, eleven feet; and Northeastwardly by land of said heirs of Hey, land of James Davis, and land of Henry Seal, following the crooked boundaries of the same, one hundred and forty two feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing more or less of the said land as may appear by the return hereunto annexed. And the Mayor doth hereby order the Board of Aldermen to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed. It is therefore Ordered, That the said parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said city according to a plan of the said extension made by E. J. Heston dated July 19<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of extending the said Friend Street as aforesaid, will amount to twenty three thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said Street, during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars. Read and the foregoing resolve and order passed. Sent down for concurrence, July 26<sup>th</sup> came up concurred. - Approved by the Mayor, July 28, 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to  
 me, by 1855. Messrs Lampson, Harrie and Benson the sum of Two hundred  
 and sixty one dollars and seventy five cents as per bill approved  
 by the Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Also that there be paid to Messrs G. &  
 Kewell one hundred and eighty five dollars as per bill approved  
 by the Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The amount to be charged to the  
 appropriation for the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Sent down for concurrence. Came  
 up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 20, 1855.

Lampson

Ordered: That there be paid to  
 Messrs Lampson, Harrie and Benson the sum of one hundred  
 ten dollars and ninety eight cents as per bill approved by Com-  
 mittee on Steam Boat, and that the same be charged to the appro-  
 priation for purchasing a Steamboat and repairing wharfe. Sent  
 down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
 July 20, 1855.

Williams

Ordered: That the annexed bill  
 of Messrs Williams & Allen amounting to Three hundred dollars for extra  
 services rendered by them to the Assessors in making up the valuation  
 of the Shipping of the City be allowed and paid. Sent down for con-  
 currence.

Ellen Elizabeth

Steeple

Ordered: That the Committee  
 on Institutions at South Boston be they are hereby authorized  
 to sell at Auction or otherwise, whenever they shall deem it for  
 the interest of the City, the Steep Ellen Elizabeth which is now  
 employed in conveying paupers to Deer Island. the proceeds of such  
 sale to be paid into the City Treasury. Sent down for concurrence. Came  
 up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 20, 1855.

Adjourned to Friday next (tomorrow) at four o'clock, P.M.



Monday, 20th March 1873.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held at the City Hall on Monday, 20th March 1873.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Kipling, Woodman, Sprague and Drew.

Agreeably to assignment the Board of Aldermen resumed the consideration of the subject of discontinuing a portion of Albany Street at its intersection with the Boston and Worcester Street Railroad—the following remonstrants against the measure appeared and were heard, viz: Edward Bangs and Samuel W. Bates who appeared in support of the discontinuance. Aldermen Evans presented to the Board petitions of Royal Desworth and others, Franklin Evans and others and William H. Spooner and others in favor of discontinuing said portion of Kneeland Street—and also the petition of L. Fursiga and others in favor of accepting a portion of Albany Street—which petitions were filed in the case.—Mr. Bates having stated his desire to put in more testimony in support of the remonstrants—the further consideration of the subject was assigned to Tuesday next at six o'clock, P.M. with the understanding that the hearing should be closed on that day.

The Chief of Police having called to draw the attention of the Board to an unsafe building in Commercial Street belonging to George W. Gerrish, the subject was referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Notice was received from the Common Council that at the meeting of that branch of the Government on 18th inst. the President being absent, William A. Smith was elected Chairman pro tem.

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The Common Council having

July 20, 1865

Williams

& Allen

received the order to pay Williams and Allen Three Hundred dollars for services in Boston Shipping List, to the Committee on the Assessors' Department - said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred

Library

Lot.

Ordered: That the Committee on

Public Buildings be and they are hereby instructed to purchase forthwith, the lot of land in the rear of the present Public Library Lot and fronting on Van Rensselaer Place, for which an appropriation has been authorized by a vote of the City Council, and that when said purchase is effected the land shall be added to the Library Lot and placed at the disposal of the Commissioners on the erection of the Public Library Building. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 21, 1865

West Cedar St

School house lot

Board

School house

Alderman Washburn having stated

to the Board that the time for purchase of the lot of land at the corner of West Cedar and May Streets, for which an appropriation was authorized with the intention of erecting a School House thereon, had now just expired, and he having asked the instruction of the Board as to the expediency of completing the same under the circumstances of the case - it was Resolved: That, in the opinion of the Board, the Committee on Public Buildings is justified in completing the contract entered into for the purchase of lots at the corner of West Cedar and May Streets upon the original terms

Adjourned to Tuesday next at four o'clock, P.M.



At a special meeting of the 195.

of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Sat-  
urday the Twenty first day of July, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Gould, Jay,  
Hoff, Locke and Woodbury.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police Mancini  
close up the Streets around Faneuil Hall against the passage of Carri-  
ages on Monday July 23<sup>d</sup> between the hours of four and five & School  
a half o'clock P.M. on account of the exercises of the School Festi-  
val in said building.

Resolved: That on Monday July 23<sup>d</sup> between the hours of four and five & School  
a half o'clock P.M. on account of the exercises of the School Festival in said building.

At a meeting of the Board of  
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the  
Twenty fourth day of July, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Petition of A. Hill for leave to Phil.  
exhibit his daughter and a snake at Faneuil Hall. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Communication from W. de. Reeves  
respecting the Battery Street sewer and its condition where Battery Wharf  
is about filling up the dock. Referred to the Committee on Sewers. Sewer.

196 . Petition of J. T. Raymond that  
July 21, 1855. the Common Sewer at corner of Hanover and Crossstreets may  
"Raymond" be lowered. Referred to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Chamberlin . Petition of S. N. Chamberlin for  
leave to exhibit a Microscope &c. upon Boston Common. Referred to  
the Committee on the Common.

Shaw. . Petition of W. A. Shaw respecting  
his Gas Burner and asking that it have a fair trial. Referred to  
the Committee on Lamps.

Grand jury . Petition of the Grand jury of the  
Court Square. County that the area around the Court House be covered with tan  
to subdue the noise of vehicles. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

~~James~~ . Petition of Emory Brewster & others  
Fells street. that Fells Street be widened. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Allen . Petition of A. R. Allen and others that  
a new Street be laid out from Northampton Street to Roxbury Line.  
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Wells . Petition of Mary Ann Wells respect-  
ing damage done to her estate in Thayer's Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving.

Bianey . In motion of Alderman Topliff,  
Eastern & W. the petition of David A. Bianey and others that the City would re-  
consider its vote whereby it agreed to purchase the Eastern Railroad  
Road. was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on  
Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 13. same re-appeared.



On petition of J. S. Harrison 119,

for leave to exhibit an Indian and equestrian Entertainment at the Public Garden July 26, 27 and 28. the Committee on Licenses report that the prayer of the petitioner be granted upon payment by him of a fee of \$100.00 to the City of Boston.

Ordered; That the Committee Police Station

in their report contain the following: That the Committee on the City Building and the Police Station have recommended to the officers and men connected with Police Station No. 2, as well as proper ventilation to the Lockups connected with said Station. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. 1855. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 13. 1855.

Whereas it appears to this Board

that a nuisance exists on the corner of Harrison Avenue and Dedham Street, caused by stagnant water on said premises, being a nuisance to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Works, under the direction of the Board, cause said nuisance to be abated by constructing a good and sufficient drain at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas William E. Blanchard

has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on East Canton Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said William E. Blanchard that this Board intend to widen

198. the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now July 24, 1855. about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Monday, the Thirtieth day of July current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Paige Sister Street On petition of James W. Paige and others that Sister Street be widened, the Committee on Streets reported that the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of Boston do not require the widening of said street: if the parties interested, owners and abutters will give to the City of Boston a deed in fee simple of the land, the Committee would recommend that the City widen the same. Accepted.

Harrison New Street On petition of David Harrison and others for a street from Washington Street to southeast corner of the South Burying Ground, the Committee on Streets reported a reference of the same to the Committee on Cemeteries. Accepted & referred accordingly.

Adams New Street On petition of Alvin Adams and others that a new street be opened from Worcester Square to Franklin Square, the Committee on Streets reported that the opening of said street will take land from both the Public Lands and Cemeteries, and ~~and from the Public Lands and Cemeteries~~ and from the Public Lands and Cemeteries. Accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence Sep. 13. Same up concurred.

Jenkins On petition of Joshua Jenkins & others that an additional Engine be stationed in Ward 12, the Committee on the Fire Department reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.



On the petition of J. W. Gunnison 1899.  
and others that an Engine be placed on the fourth section at July 24, 1893  
East Boston, the committee on the Fire Department reported leave Gunnison  
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition of Mrs. J. Coleman Coleman  
for leave to construct coal holes in the sidewalk on Allen Street,  
the committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read &  
accepted.

On petition of Elisha Stone & Stone  
others that the name of May Street may be changed to Herre May Street.  
that the committee on Paving reported that the name for  
the year is published and as there exists no urgent reason, the  
name of May Street had better not be changed this year. and  
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Mayor nominated to the County  
Road Section of the County Board to the 1st. Read and Motion.  
laid on the table.

On nomination by the Mayor Auctioneer  
Sidney Fisher was appointed an Auctioneer of this city.

Petition of John Scanlan to be Scanlan  
paid for personal injuries sustained by him in Commercial Street.  
Referred to the committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence.  
Sep. 13. Same up concurred.

On petition of Dennis Sullivan Sullivan  
and others for abatement of a nuisance at 149 Broad Street, the  
committee on Internal Health reported that no further action there-  
in is necessary. Read and accepted.

On petition of Sweet and

St. James  
Street -  
Davis.

the committee on Licenses reported that no action thereon is necessary. Accepted.

Rice.

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of J. P. Rice for reappointment as Police Officer, having considered the same, and Report, That the petitioner was not appointed this year, though nothing against him in any way appeared before the Committee, but as the Committee do not possess the appointing power, they are obliged to recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Read and accepted.

Ray

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Ray for a hearing having considered the same, Report: That Mr. Ray was a member of the Police Department last year, but was not appointed this year - that no charge of any kind appeared against him, and he lost his place in all probability because some one else wanted it; the Committee having no jurisdiction in the matter - and no power to relieve the petitioner, they recommend that he have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Read and accepted.

Allen.

Pleasant Street,

No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Pleasant Street by taking land of A. H. Allen and subject was committed to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Parker.

Grand Street.

Agreeably to notice Jonathan Parker appeared and objected to the proposed widening of Grand Street.



which takes away his land - no other parties objecting the subject 501.  
was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power. July 21, 1855.

The Common Council having  
ing non-concurred with this Board in referring the petitions of  
Elihu E. Dodge, Fiammi B. Lakin, and Isaac Child severally to be  
paid for damages for the discontinuance of a passageway near  
East Garden Street, to the Committee on Public Funds, and having  
and the same to the Committee on Streets, and when it came  
up for concurrence. Read and thereupon this Board voted to ad-  
here to its former vote touching said reference. Sent down for  
concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Paving  
having had the subject of the petition of the Board of Aldermen  
openings or apertures into the sidewalks, under consideration, have  
unanimously concluded that some decided action should be taken  
on the part of the Board of Aldermen to prevent the recur-  
rence of accidents similar to those which have lately occurred  
resulting from the careless manner in which the coverings of the  
same have been left open. Your Committee believe that every nec-  
essary measure should be taken by the Board of Aldermen to make  
life and limb secure to those who travel over our streets, they there-  
fore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the  
Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Ordered: That the Chief of Police be di-  
rected to adopt all such precautions as may be necessary to  
prevent accidents upon the sidewalks, and to comply  
with the fourth section of an order passed the Board of Aldermen  
June 11<sup>th</sup> 1855. within sixty days, 60, of the date of the order issued  
from said Chief of Police's office, and said Chief of Police is fur-

July 24, 1855. then directed to close all openings or apertures which have not been provided as required in said fourth section, at the expiration of the above mentioned period. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Agents. Ordered: That the salary of each and every Agent appointed under the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act concerning the manufacture and sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors," is hereby established at the rate of twelve dollars per annum. Ordered: That Rules and Regulations for the government of Agents adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1855. numbered "two," "four," "five," and "six" are hereby revoked and repealed. Approved by the Mayor, July 28. 1855.

Hoyt. The Committee on Internal Health  
by Alect. to whom the accompanying petition of D. K. Hoyt was referred, respectfully submit the following resolution for their consideration. Res. 4. Resolved, That the Superintendent of Health notify the owner or owners of the premises numbered 52 Joy Street to render the same safe, and in the event that said owner shall fail to put the same in a safe condition, after due notice, then the Superintendent of Health is authorized and empowered to remove the same, or take such other means as he may deem proper and necessary to render the same safe and charge the expense thereof to the owner or owners of the same. Read, accepted and the order passed.

minutes. On motion of Alderman Gordin the subject of the election of a City Solicitor was taken from the table and Monday next at five o'clock was assigned as the time for choice on part of this Board.



Ordered: That this order, the 303.

Mayor, he and he is hereby authorized to execute, in behalf of the City, July 24, 1885.  
a contract with the East Boston Free Bridge Corporation, to be approved by the City Solicitor, whereby it shall be agreed, that the said East Boston Free Bridge Corporation shall build or cause to be built, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and the Joint Special Committee of the City Council upon this subject, and within the present Municipal Year, a substantial Bridge across Chelsea Creek, from East Boston to Chelsea, pursuant to the provisions of an Act, entitled "An Act to establish the East Boston Free Bridge, passed May 15, 1885 and that when said East Boston Free Bridge Company shall release to the City by a clear and perfect title the said Bridge in a finished condition shall be satisfactory to the City Engineer and the said Joint Special Committee - and will also guarantee to save the said City harmless and indemnified from any and all claims for damages from change of grade at the termini of said Bridge, or from any other claims arising out of the construction of said Bridge which shall have accrued before the completion thereof - then the said City of Boston will pay to the said East Boston Free Bridge Corporation the sum of Forty thousand dollars, B. Read in Common Council came up for concurrence. Read and non-concurred. Sent down.

The Joint Standing Committee Paris Street on Public Buildings to whom was referred an order of the School Committee requesting the City Council to make an appropriation for altering the Primary School House in Paris Street, have considered that subject and are unanimously of opinion that said request ought to be granted. The Committee beg to commend the provisions of the accompanying order. For the Committee, H. Prince. Ordered: That

501. the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized July 21, 1855. That the alterations and repairs to the Primary School House in Third Street East Boston, at a cost not exceeding three thousand dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for alteration and repair of Primary School Houses. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 28, 1855.

Allen.

The Committee on the Assessors

Allen.

Department having examined the bill of Messrs Williams & Allen referred to them respectfully report that the same is just & proper and they recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, B. F. Cooke, Chairman. Ordered: That there be paid to Messrs. Williams & Allen for extra services specified in the accompanying account, the sum of three hundred dollars and that the same be charged to the appropriation on the Assessors' Department. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 6, 1855.

Camphene.

The Committee on Ordinances

Fire Dept.

ordinances. to whom were re-committed the accompanying ordinances relating to the care and custody of camphene, and also concerning the Fire Department, reported in favor of the passage of the same. accepted and the ordinances passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Alderman Dunham, it was voted, that when the Board adjourns it be to Thursday next at Eleven o'clock, A.M.

Metropolitan

On motion of Alderman Dunham

Rail Road

the subject of the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road was taken from the table, and he moved that the location mentioned & described.



on the record of the committee January 12, 1855. It adopted as the location of said road - whereupon Alderman Woodman moved to state out of it as on page 22. all respecting "one track in Shawmut Avenue from the boundary line between Boston and Hingham to Lower Street" and all the remainder of said location. Pending the discussion on this amendment the subject was laid on the table: and

The Board then resumed the Kneeland special assignment for this hour in Block 10, viz: the subject of the proposed discontinuance of Kneeland Street. At this meeting Mr. J. Thomas, Esq. appeared for William H. Spooner and others, Franklin Evans and others, and Royal Besworth and others petitioners in favor of said discontinuance. Mr. Bates, counsel for the remonstrants having requested that the petitioners be heard before the remonstrants, the Chair ruled that the Board had assembled at this time to hear the remonstrants - whereupon Mr. Bates proceeded to introduce testimony in behalf of the remonstrants; after hearing which on motion of Alderman Drew the Board

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twenty sixth day of July Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman, and the whole Board except Alderman Gould.

Petition of G. E. Ricker & others that Cummerden Street be lighted. Referred to the Committee on Stamps.

Petition of James Hamlet for leave  
July 26, 1855 to move a wooden building from Beverly Street to Haverhill Street. Re-  
Hamlet. ferred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Burying  
Ground. Ordered: That the Committee on  
Cemeteries consider the expediency of enlarging the Burying Ground  
near M. and Fifth Streets.

Gore Ordered: That there be paid to Austin  
Gore the sum of Seventy four dollars for lime and cement furnished  
to the Sewer Department previous to this date, the amount to be  
charged to the appropriation for said Department. Sent down for con-  
currence. Oct. 14. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

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Dunbar. Ordered: That there be paid to Joseph  
Dunbar the sum of one hundred and fifty six dollars and  $\frac{3}{100}$  for  
clock delivered to, and work done for the Fire Department, previous to  
this date. the amount to be charged to the appropriation for the Fire  
Department. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 14. Came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 6, 1855.

engine in  
to parade. Ordered: That any of the Engine,  
Hydrant, and Hook and Ladder Companies, who wish to parade in uni-  
form during the months of August, September or October may do so provid-  
ing the assent of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is first ob-  
tained ~~thereof~~ in writing. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 14. Came  
up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 6, 1855.

Fire  
Department. The Committee on so much of the  
Mayor's address as relates to the Fire Department reported an Ordin-  
Culinance. ance of fourteen sections amendatory of the existing Ordinance



on that subject. Read and referred to the Committee on Ordinances. 507.

Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred.

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Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Friend Street should be extended and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to Henry Hall bounded as follows, viz: Southwardly by land late of the Heirs of Capen, there measuring, on an irregular line, forty five feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ ; Northwardly by Hanover Street, eight feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Eastwardly by the northeasterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, about forty five feet; containing two hundred and twenty five square feet and  $\frac{3}{10}$ , more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging to James Davis, bounded as follows, viz: Southwestwardly by land late of the Heirs of Capen, there measuring twenty three feet and  $\frac{5}{10}$ ; Northwardly by the same, thirty two feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Eastwardly by the same, twenty feet and  $\frac{4}{10}$ ; Southeastwardly by the same and by land of the Heirs of Alley, thirty feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ ; and Northeastwardly by the northeasterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, thirty eight feet and  $\frac{55}{100}$ ; containing four hundred and ninety six square feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ , more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging to the Heirs of Alley, bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by land of James Davis, there measuring twenty seven feet and  $\frac{2}{10}$ ; Southwestwardly by land late of the Heirs of Capen, twenty feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ ; Northwardly by the same, four feet; Southwestwardly by land of C. D. Robinson, six feet; Southeastwardly by the same, twenty six feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; Southwestwardly by the same, nine feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; Southeastwardly by land of William Allen, nine feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; and Eastwardly by the northeasterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, thirty eight feet and  $\frac{55}{100}$ ; containing four hundred and ninety six square feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ , more or less.

Friend Street.

Davis.

Alley.

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Robinson

containing six hundred and eighty six square feet and  
 bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by land of the Heirs of Alley,  
 here measuring twenty six feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$ ; Northeastwardly by  
 the same, six feet; Northwestwardly by land late of the Heirs of  
 Wagon, seven feet; Southwestwardly by the southwesterly line of  
 the proposed extension of Friend Street, thirty six feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$ ;  
 Southeastwardly by Scott's Court, nine feet and  $\frac{34}{100}$ ; Southwestwardly  
 by the same, ten feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$ ; Southwardly by land of  
 the same, ten feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$ ; and Eastwardly by  
 the same, ten feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$ ; containing one thousand and ninety one square feet and  $\frac{9}{10}$ ,  
 more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging to Wm. H. Robinson,  
 bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by land of the Heirs of Alley,  
 here measuring ten feet and  $\frac{3}{100}$ ; Northeastwardly by land of C. C.  
 Robinson, twenty one feet and  $\frac{54}{100}$ ; Northwestwardly by the same, twenty  
 two feet and  $\frac{64}{100}$ ; Southwestwardly by Scott's Court, nine feet and  $\frac{39}{100}$ ;  
 Northeastwardly by the same, ten feet and  $\frac{5}{100}$ ; Southwestwardly by the same,  
 twenty four feet and  $\frac{25}{100}$ ; Southeastwardly by the same, three feet and  $\frac{33}{100}$ ;  
 Southwestwardly by the same, seventeen feet and  $\frac{7}{100}$ ; Northwestwardly  
 by the same, ten feet and  $\frac{6}{100}$ ; Eastwardly by the same, sixteen  
 feet and  $\frac{50}{100}$ ; Southeastwardly by land of Olin Daniel, eighteen feet and  
 $\frac{50}{100}$ ; Southwestwardly by the same, sixteen feet and  $\frac{88}{100}$ ; Southwardly  
 by the same, ten feet and  $\frac{1}{100}$ ; and Eastwardly by the same, ten feet and  $\frac{1}{100}$ ;  
 by the northeasterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street,  
 ninety nine feet and  $\frac{15}{100}$ ; containing twenty one hundred and two  
 square feet, more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging to Olin  
 Daniel, bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by land of Wm.

Daniel.



Mint, trustee, there measuring eighteen feet and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in; Northeast - sep-  
arately by the line and by land of John Tappan, twenty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in  
and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; Southeastwardly by land of the Heirs of Coolidge, seventeen  
feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; and Southwestwardly by Scott's Court, twenty four feet &  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  in; containing five hundred and fifty six square feet, more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging to John Tappan, bound- Tappan  
ed as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by land of William Mint, trustee,  
there measuring six feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; Northeastwardly by the northeast-  
erly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, ten feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; South-  
eastwardly by land of the Heirs of Coolidge, two feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; and  
Southwestwardly by land of Olin Daniel, eight feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; containing  
thirty five  $\frac{1}{2}$  square feet, more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging  
to the Heirs of Coolidge, bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by  
land of Olin Daniel and John Tappan, there measuring nineteen  
feet and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in; Northeastwardly by the northeasterly line of the pro-  
posed extension of Friend Street, forty eight feet; and Southwestward-  
ly by Scott's Court, forty six feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; containing five hundred and  
fifty eight square feet, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in, more or less. Also, a parcel of land be-  
longing to John Tappan, bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by  
Scott's Court, there measuring thirty six feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; Southeastwardly  
by land of the Fifty Associates, fifteen feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; and Southwest-  
wardly by the southwesterly line of the proposed extension of Friend  
Street, thirty nine feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$  in; containing two hundred and  
thirty one square feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in, more or less. The southwesterly  
land belonging to Moses Grant, bounded as follows, viz: Northwest- Grant  
wardly by land of the Fifty Associates, there measuring twenty five  
feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; Southwardly by the southwesterly line of the pro-  
posed extension of Friend Street, forty three feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; Southwardly  
by land of the Fifty Associates, fourteen feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in; Southeastwardly

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by land of Jonathan Barker, fourteen feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; Southwestwardly by the same, twenty seven feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Northeastwardly by the northeasterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, about fifty two feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; still S.E. by Scotts Court, thirty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing nineteen hundred and ninety six square feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging to the Fifty Associates, bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by land of Moses Grant, there measuring fifteen feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Northeastwardly by Scotts Court, twenty feet; Southeastwardly by land of Moses Grant, twenty five feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Southwestwardly by the southwesterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, about twenty three feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing four hundred and twenty two square feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , more or less. Also, another parcel of land belonging to the Fifty Associates bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by land of Jonathan Barker and Moses Grant, there measuring forty seven feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Eastwardly by Union Street, thirty eight feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Southwestwardly by the southwesterly line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, sixty two feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing six hundred and thirteen square feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , more or less. Also a parcel of land belonging to Jonathan Barker bounded as follows, viz: Southwardly by land of the Fifty Associates, there measuring fifty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Eastwardly by land of Moses Grant, fourteen feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; Northwardly by the same, thirty one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and Southwardly by Union Street, thirty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing four hundred and fifty five square feet, more or less. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the returns hereunto annexed, it is therefore Ordered, That the parcels of land before described be, and the same hereby are, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City—according to a

Fifty

Associates.

Fifty

Associates.

Barker.



plan of the said extension made by E. L. Strong dated July 19<sup>th</sup> 1855 511  
and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And July 26, 1855.  
This Board doth adjudge that the expense of extending the said Third  
Street as aforesaid, will amount to seventy thousand dollars: which  
sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or  
discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year,  
does exceed the sum of Six thousand dollars. Read and the foregoing  
resolves and order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor, July 28, 1855.

On petition of S. Hill for leave to ex- Hill  
hibit his daughter and make at Cochrane Hall, the committee on  
Licenses reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and  
accepted.

~~Resolved by the Board~~ Kneeland  
Board resumed the consideration of the discontinuance of a portion of Street  
of Kneeland Street:— Dr. Geo. Bartlett presented a communication  
asking permission to withdraw his name and those of others obtained  
at his request from a petition in favor of said discontinuance.  
His testimony for the remonstrants had been put in, the further  
consideration of the subject was assigned for Monday next at four  
and a half o'clock P.M.

On motion of Alderman Dunham, Shaw's burners  
the subject of Shaw's burners for Street Gas Lamps was taken from Street Lamps  
the table, and he moved the passage of the order introduced by him  
July 16<sup>th</sup>.— And after a discussion upon the subject and a brief state-  
ment in relation to the same by Mr. Shaw the subject was recom-  
mended to the Committee on Lamps.

On motion of Alderman Dunham Metropolitan  
the Board took up the subject of the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road.

512. Read, and the question being taken on the passage of the amendment introduced in Alderman "Edman" Article 1, the same are rejected. The proposed location was then amended by striking out at B, as on page 22, one track in Washington Street from Lower Street to Bayston Street; at D, one track in Hemont Street from the said point opposite the Granary Burying Ground to a point in front of Seelays building; at C, one track in Warren Street from Washington Street to Hemont Street. Alderman Jey then moved to strike out at F, one track in Springfield Street from Washington to Hemont Street. Pending the discussion of this amendment the subject was postponed to Monday next at six o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board  
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Saturday the  
Twenty eighth day of July, Anno Domini, 1835.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Washburn, Wood-  
berry, Gould and Bowdin.

Friend Street Whereas the City Council by a Re-  
solve passed this day took a certain parcel of land, therein describ-  
ed, lying on Friend and Hanover Streets and laid out the same as  
a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due



notice be given to the heirs of Thomas Lapon and all other persons 513.  
interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in  
said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all  
buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and  
projecting over the line of said Friend Street, as established by the  
Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line,  
and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid  
on or before the first day of September next ensuing. And in  
furtherance thereof, the City of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered  
forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections  
and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said  
Friend Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off,  
pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set  
back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surren-  
dered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and wid-  
ening streets.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Thirti-  
eth day of July, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Gould.

July 30. 1855. Petition of William F. Gredwin  
and others that West Cedar Street may be widened. Referred to  
Gredwin. the Committee on laying out and widening streets.

Bigelow. Petition of Henry J. Bigelow and  
others that the lines of North Gore and Fruit Streets may be  
established. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Thorn. Petition of Elias B. Thorn and  
others that edgstones be set in Eulaw Street. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Paving with full power.

Wiggin. Petition of Robert F. Wiggin & others  
for removal of a wagon stand at the corner of Water and Broad  
Streets. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Austin. Petition of James Austin for leave to  
exhibit wild animals at East Boston. Referred to the Committee  
on Finance.

Briggs. Petition of George W. Briggs & others  
that Norfolk Place be lighted with gas. Referred to the Committee  
on Lamps.

Stanwood St. Church. Petition of the Trustees of Stanwood  
Street Methodist Church for repairs on the clock on said Church.  
Referred to the Committee on Lamps, Bells and Clocks with full power.

Farmer. Communication of Moses G. Farmer,  
Superintendent of the Farms, resigning that office from and after  
August 1<sup>st</sup> next, was read and sent down. In Common Council.  
Read and placed on file.



given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on  
 Ireland Street in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board,  
 the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the  
 said Street should be widened at the place described in the said  
 notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to  
 the said George W. Gerish that this Board intend to widen the  
 street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to  
 be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public  
 street - and that Monday, the Sixth day of August next at four  
 o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which  
 may be made thereto.

Whereas George W. Gerish  
 have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect buildings  
 on Commercial Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the  
 Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require  
 that the said street should be widened at the place described in  
 the said notice, by taking land of Abigail Smith, it is therefore hereby  
 Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Abigail Smith  
 and that Monday, the Sixth day of August next at four o'clock, P.M.,  
 is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made  
 thereto.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board,  
 the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Green  
 Street should be widened by taking land of Francis Parkman and  
 Caroline Parkman, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be

516. given to the said Francis Parkman and Caroline Parkman that  
July 30, 1855. This Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a  
part of the land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public  
street; and that Monday, the sixth day of August next at four o'clock  
P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may  
be made thereto.

Haier-  
Hanover  
Street.

Whereas, Thomas Haier has given  
notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Hanover Street,  
in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and con-  
venience of the inhabitants require that the said Street should be wid-  
ened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Order-  
ed, that due notice be given to the said Thomas Haier that this Board  
intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the  
land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the  
same as a public street; and that Monday, the sixth day of August  
next, at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objec-  
tions which may be made thereto.

Hamson  
Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board  
that a nuisance exists in Hamson Street caused by flowage of drain  
filth from an estate in Hamson Court; and for which there appears  
to be no remedy, and the same is dangerous to the  
health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, that the Superinten-  
dent of Health be, and he is hereby directed to cause said nuisance  
to be abated by cutting off said drain forthwith. Approved by the  
Mayor, July 31, 1855.

Gerish  
Edland Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board that  
a nuisance exists at N. 21 Edland Street, caused by vault filth  
running through cellar from premises N. 19, belonging to George W.  
Gerish, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is here



by Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby 51,  
directed to cause said nuisance to be abated in such manner Nov. 26. 1855.  
as he may deem proper, at the expense of said parties, after he shall  
have duly notified them to abate said nuisance. Approved by the  
Mayor, July 31. 1855

On petition of Abbott Lawrence Lawrence  
and others. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be author-  
ized to repair Congress Street from Channing to Milk Street, and  
make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem  
necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street  
as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said  
Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of  
the City. Approved by the Mayor, July 31. 1855.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Spring in Hos- Hospital  
pital and Charles Collins that the City would construct a common Sew-  
er in a new street recently laid out through their land between Wash-  
ington Street and Harrison Avenue; report, that the prayer of said  
petitioners be granted, provided they will agree to pay three quarters of the  
cost of said Sewer. For the Committee, Charles Woodberry, Chairman  
pro tem. Read and accepted. Approved by the Mayor, July 31. 1855.

On petition of Grand Jury of Suffolk Grand Jury  
County that the area around the Court House may be covered  
with tan, the Committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient  
to comply with the request. Accepted.

On communication of Michael Keys Keys  
Keys respecting his cellar doorway N. W. Broad Street, the Committee  
on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of William Under-  
 July 30, 1855. wood and others that Coolidge Avenue be repaired, the Committee  
 Underwood on Paving reported that Coolidge Avenue has never been accepted  
 Coolidge Avenue. by the City and is a private way, they therefore recommend that  
 the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Sumner.

On petition of T. A. Sumner and  
 others that a sidewalk be laid in Statham Street, the Committee  
 on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Ordered: That the Board accept  
 Second Street. and adopt the revised grade of Culver Street, between Meridian &  
 Davis Streets, and the revised grade of Second Street, between Rochester  
 Avenue and A Street, proposed by the City Engineer; the said grades  
 being shown on profiles of the said Streets, by the said Engineer, dat-  
 ed July 26<sup>th</sup> 1855, and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen.

Bubinch &  
 Reps.

The Committee on Paving on the  
 petition of the petitioners that the street may  
 be macadamized; and of Joseph L. Reps and others that a portion of  
 said street may be repaired, report, that it is inexpedient to grant the  
 prayer of either of the petitioners at the present time, as the street only  
 needs repaving, which can be done by the Superintendent of Streets  
 under the general head of repairs. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr.  
 Read and accepted.

Charles Street.

The Committee to whom was re-  
 ferred the order of April 30<sup>th</sup> relating to the continuation of Charles  
 Street from the intersection of the street to the river, have to submit in follow-  
 ing as a part of their Report: The Committee believing that the

Clarkman

Allebro's Bank



city's interest would be promoted by the employment of some person who was conversant with the location of said proposed continuation, and the owners and abutters of lands and flats that would be taken for said street, they accordingly employed William Bracey, Esq. to negotiate with the parties. As the Act of the Legislature authorizes the Board of Aldermen to lay out the whole, or a part of said Street, at different times, and as it will require some further time to negotiate with the owners and abutters on that part bordering on Everett Street, and as that part extending over tide water should be forthwith prepared for the reception of coal ashes &c that will be collected by the Internal Health Department the coming winter; in common and common sense the passage of the accompanying Resolves. For the committee, C. J. Woodman, Chairman. Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Charles Street should be extended, and for that purpose it is necessary to take and convert as a public use a way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to the Massachusetts General Hospital, bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by land of the owners of Taylor's Wharf, there measuring sixty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Eastwardly by the easterly line of the proposed extension of Charles Street, four hundred and six feet; Southwardly by land of the Heirs of George Parkman, sixty feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; and Westwardly by the westerly line of the said proposed extension, four hundred and twelve feet; containing twenty four thousand five hundred and forty square feet, more or less. Also a parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by land of the Massachusetts General Hospital there measuring sixty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Eastwardly by the easterly line of the proposed extension, four hundred and six feet; Southwardly by land of the Alleborough Bank, sixty one feet

and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; and Westwardly by the aforesaid westerly line, two hundred and seventy six feet; containing sixteen thousand four hundred and ten square feet, more or less. Also, a parcel of land belonging to the ~~City of Boston~~ ~~Board of Aldermen~~ ~~City of Boston~~ by land of the Heirs of George Parkman, there measuring sixty one feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; Eastwardly by the aforesaid easterly line, sixty eight feet, ~~Southwardly by the easterly line, and of the said line,~~ sixty feet; and Westwardly by the aforesaid westerly line, on a bent line, sixty eight feet; containing four thousand and eighty square feet, more or less. Said land being taken under the authority of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to lay out a highway" passed March 26, 1855. to which reference is hereby made. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcels of land before described be, and the same hereby are, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said extension made by Henry L. Kean, dated July 30<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of extending the said Charles street, as aforesaid, will amount to nothing: which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, July 31, 1855.

On nomination by the Mayor,  
Ephraim C. Burrell was appointed a Special Police Officer for Wakes  
Court.

Ordered.

On petition of Peter Hobart, Jr. and  
others; - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to  
grade Arnold Street at its junction with Shawmut Avenue. Approved by  
the Board. July 31, 1855.





ing on and projecting over the line of said Sea Street, as established  
July 30, 1855 by the Resolve aforesaid, or move and set back the same to the said  
line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as afore-  
said on or before the tenth day of August now next ensuing. And in de-  
fault thereof, the Chieff of Police is hereby directed and empowered forth-  
with to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and  
obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Sea  
street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled  
down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back  
to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered un-  
der the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening  
streets.

Resolved

Ordered: That the Chieff of Police  
Solomon Pifer, who is now erecting a new building on Sea  
Street, to remove so much thereof as projects over the line of said Sea  
Street, near the Church, within five days, or the same will be done at  
his expense, by authority of the City.

Resolved

On nomination by the Mayor,  
M. M. Sanders &c. were appointed Auctioneers of this City.

Resolved

Ordered: That there be paid to Ben-

jamin Reed, the sum of \$100.00 for damages occasioned by  
change of grade in Fayette Street upon his proving his title to the said  
estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the  
City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses  
in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be  
charged to the appropriation for Public Works. Approved by the Mayor July  
31, 1855.



Ordered: That there be paid to 523

Elizabeth Ann Hickney the sum of \$100.00 for damages sustained by the change of grade of Dorchester and High Streets upon her having her title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.  
Approved by the Mayor, July 31. 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Summer Street be authorized to remove the obstructions on the line of said street. Approved by the Mayor, July 31. 1855.

On petition of Babson & Deacon Babson  
for removal of the Omnibus Stands in front of their premises, the Committee on Licenses reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

The Committee on Paving on Wilder.  
the petition of Lewis Wilder and others that the grade of Fayette St. be raised to the grade of the petitioners and are unanimously of the opinion that the street should not be raised to the grade desired by the petitioners. They have directed the Superintendent of Streets to repair the gutters in the street and construct a cesspool on the corner of Church and Fayette Streets. The latter to be built as soon this season as the widening of Church Street is completed.  
To the Committee. Carried. Approved by the Mayor July 24. 1855.

On petition of Parson Stevens & others: Stevens.  
Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave the street from the corner of Church St. and make such changes

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July 30, 1855. in the grade of said street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor, July 31, 1855.

Brewster.  
Pitts Street. On petition of Emlyn Brewster and others. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Pitts Street from Green to Pitts Street Court, and make such changes in the grade of said street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor, July 31, 1855.

Eastanton Street.  
Blanchard. No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Eastanton Street by taking land of W. C. Blanchard, the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Oliver. Petition of John C. Oliver that a certain party in School Street imitating his trade marks and without license may be restrained therein. Referred to the Chief of Police.

County  
Physician. On motion of Alderman Drew the nomination of George S. Jones as County Physician was taken from the table and said nomination was confirmed by the Board.

Justin. Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, James Justin was permitted to exhibit wild animals at East Boston on condition that he employ such Police Officers as the Chief of Police may deem necessary.



Ordered: That the Board

of Overseers of the House of Correction be and they are hereby authorized July 30. 1855.  
and directed to transfer from time to time such additional House of  
number of Prisoners under their charge from South Boston to Deer Island  
land as can be conveniently and judiciously employed upon said Deer Island.  
Island. Approved by the Mayor, July 31. 1855.

The Election of City Solicitor City

specially assigned for this day was postponed to Monday next at five Solicitor.  
o'clock, P.M.

Agreeably to the report of the Minor

Committee on Licenses, Michael Kenegan was licensed to sell matches  
to: as a Minor.

On petition of Derastus Clapp, Clapp

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be and he hereby is directed and au- Unripe fruit.  
thorized with the approval of the Mayor to remove all street pedlars  
who are occupying stands subject to the control of the City and  
who are engaged in the sale of decayed or unripe fruit. And that  
said Chief of Police be requested to cause complaints to be made  
under the statutes against all persons engaged in vending on priv-  
ate premises unripe or decayed and unwholesome fruits or vegetables.  
Approved by the Mayor, July 31. 1855.

Agreeably to the report of the Engin. Fire

needs of the Fire Department, the nomination of a Foreman for En- Department.  
gine Company N<sup>o</sup> 11. was approved by the Board.

A vote of the Committee on Public Lands

Lands passed this day authorizing the Superintendent of Common Sowers in.  
Lands to construct under the direction of said committee not over East Chester  
and drains through the passage way leading from East Chester to Springfield Streets.

526. Springfield Street; also through the passage way running parallel with  
the above named streets in their opinion may be deemed neces-  
sary for the suitable drainage of said land: the expense thereof to be  
paid from the appropriation for Public Lands, was approved by the  
Board. Approved by the Mayor, July 31. 1855.

Lands  
sewers in.

Ordered: That the Superintendent  
of Common Sewers be directed to charge for every lot of land which  
may be drained into any common sewer the cost of which has been  
or may hereafter be paid for out of the appropriation for Public Lands/  
at the rate of one cent per foot for each and every foot of land contain-  
ed in said lot, and that no permit to enter the Common Sewer shall be  
granted until the amount so charged is paid. Approved by the Mayor,  
August 1, 1855.

Kneeland  
Street.

Agreeably to assignment the Board  
resumed the consideration of the subject of the discontinuance of  
Kneeland Street, when Mr. Bates, counsel for Hull, J. Now and others  
(remonstrants) made his argument to the Board at the conclusion  
wherein a motion of Alderman Dunham was made and the Alderman  
John J. Thomas, Esq. was invited to present his views upon the points  
of law made by the counsel for the remonstrants and that the objections  
of the remonstrants to such hearing be noted upon the records. —  
Whereupon Mr. Thomas argued the case of the petitioners to the Board,  
and the subject was then laid upon the table.

Metropolitan  
Rail Road.

On motion of Alderman Dun-  
ham the subject of the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road  
was taken from the table and pending the discussion of the same  
the Board adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of A. 527.

Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the eighth day of August, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Cooke.

Petition of Samuel Guild, for per = Guild.

mission to make an entry into the common sewer in Ridgeway Lane.  
Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Daniel Newell that the Newell

sewer in Hanover Street near Southwop Place may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Notice was received from Amos Darling

S. Darling that he had enclosed a portion of North Margin Street North Margin  
for purpose of obtaining a license. Read and placed on file.

Petition of Barnum and Wood Barnum.

for leave to exhibit children at the Music Hall in September next. Baby Show  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of George C. McGregor McGregor.

to be heard respecting an arrest made by him. Referred to the  
Committee on Police.

Petition of Joseph P. Glash for Glash

leave to keep open a Dance Hall at corner of Jerry and North Streets  
until three o'clock, A.M. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of George W. Allan and Allan

others that Canton Street be lighted with Gas. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of A. & F. Stimpson that the Board would approve of their new Coal Hole Protector. Referred to Stimpson. the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Clerk of Police Court that a room may be provided for custody of papers &c. belonging to the Police Court. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the 11th of May.

Shorn. Petition of John Brown for leave to erect and run a Steam Engine at corner of Temple and Lerne streets. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines &c.

May Petition of Samuel May that a portion of Franklin Place may be macadamized. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Winship Petition of A. B. Winship for leave to move a wooden building from Charles Street to Lime Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Remick Petition of Benjamin Remick to be paid for damage sustained from closing his cellar doorway in Vine Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Eliot Petition of Samuel A. Eliot and others, that West Street may be paved with the Nicolson pavement. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Auctioneers On nomination by the Mayor, Joseph W. Appleton and Benjamin G. Gregory were appointed Auctioneers of the City.



Petition of Stephen A. Hugges 529

that his improved Gas Burner may be used on the Street Lamps. Referred to the Committee on Lamps. Aug. 6, 1855.  
Hugges

Petition of the Overseers of the House of Correction that a sufficient number of beds be constructed in the House of Correction for labor and confinement. Referred to the Committee on Institutions on the part of this Board. House of Correction.

Petition of J. D. Roberts & others, that Colling Street from Wall Street to Everett Street be accepted. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Roberts

On motion of Alderman Shaw, the petition of J. D. Roberts & others, in relation to the change of name of May Street, was taken from the files and recommitted to the Committee on Paving. Shaw

Petition of Thomas Tufts for leave to exhibit Equestrian entertainments at East and South Boston in September next. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Tufts.

A report of the City Auditor showing that during the quarter ending July 31. he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of Four hundred and eighteen dollars and forty six cents, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file. Auditor.

The report of the Hayweigher at the Northern Scales showing that during the quarter ending July 31. he had received, and paid into the City Treasury fifty per cent of the sum of Seven hundred seventy nine dollars and ninety cents, was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file. Hayweigher

The report of the City Clerk, showing that during the quarter ending July 31. he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of Three hundred and thirty four dollars and eighty nine cents, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

The report of the City Registrar showing that during the quarter ending July 31. he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of Four hundred and sixty eight dollars and twenty five cents, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

The report of the Superintendent of the Market showing that during the quarter ending July 31<sup>st</sup> he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of Twelve thousand, two hundred and thirty three dollars and eighty seven cents, was read and placed on file.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby instructed to remove a pile of stones at the corner of Channing and Congress Streets. Approved by the Mayor, August 7. 1855.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists at N. 9. and 11. Taylor Street caused by an obstructed drain on said premises, belonging to C. P. Sunborn and William Abner, Agent, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all obstructions from said drains at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified, have neglected to abate said nuisance. Approved by the Mayor Aug. 7. 1855.



Ordered: That the Chief of Po- 531.

lice be and he is hereby authorized to remove an old building on Commercial Street, belonging to George W. Gerrish, which is in a dangerous condition. Said removal to be made at the expense of said Gerrish, who, though duly notified has neglected to remove the same. Approved by the Mayor, August 7. 1855.

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Gerrish

Dangerous

building.

Ordered: That the Committee North Charles

on having decided to agree to the plan for the erection of a Sea Wall along the line of North Charles Street, as

that

Sea wall

agreeably to assignment the city.

Board proceeded to the election of a City Solicitor, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Ambrose A. Runney was elected in concurrence.

Solicitor

chosen.

Ordered: That the sum of four Barry.

dollars and eighty nine cents be and the same is hereby deducted from the assessment laid upon an estate owned by Mary Barry for her proportion of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Essex Street, said deduction being made in consequence of an error in the quantity of land in said estate. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

Barry.

The Superintendent of Common sewers presented to the Board schedules of assessments for construction of common sewers in Clinton Street below Commercial Street, in Webster Avenue; in Border Street; and in Shawmut Avenue from Union Park to Chelsea Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Clinton Street

Webster Avenue.

Shawmut

Avenue.

Border Street.

Aug. 6. 1855. Phillips - Perry Street. Ordered: That the sum of sixty three dollars and sixty one cents assessed by an order of this Board upon Phillips: mostly for their proportion of the cost of constructing the common sewer on Perry Street be and the same is hereby assessed and that said amount be and the same is hereby assessed upon Mary Jones and Walter Shipman in equal proportions. said said assessment to be collected when an entry shall have been made into the common sewer from said estate. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

Washington Village - Streets in - Ordered: That Mechanic Street in Washington Village be hereafter known and called Rogers Street: That Centre Street be called Ward Street: That Lewis Street be called Jenkins Street: That Howard Street be called Dexter Street: That Oak Street be called Ebery Street: That Plymouth Street be called Preble Street. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

Deer Island. Wharf. Ordered: That the Committee on Institutions &c at South Boston and Deer Island be authorized to enlarge and extend the wharf at Deer Island so as to accommodate the City Steamboat, provided the same can be done at an expense not exceeding fifty five hundred dollars, and that the expense of the same be charged to the Reserved Fund. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, October 6. 1855.

Shackford - Lexington Street. The Committee on Paving on the petition of Richard Shackford and others that the sidewalks and gutters in Lexington Street be paved, the abutters on said street agreeing to pay for the sidewalks and edgestone, would report, that under the present laws in relation to sidewalks they are opposed to constructing



them on unpaved streets. They however are in favor of protecting such streets as Lexington Street by paving the gutters and furnishing the edgestone, as the petitioners, who are abutters, agree to pay for the latter. In accordance with this vote the report of the committee, read. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters and furnish the edgestone on Lexington Street from Meridian Street to Brooks Street. The expense of the edgestone to be assessed upon the abutters on said Lexington Street. Read, accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

On petition of Hall J. How and others, Town  
Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Dorchester Street between the Old Colony Rail Road Bridge and Goddard Street. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

Whereas the Hon. Josiah Quincy City Wharf  
has remised and released to the City of Boston a certain piece of Estate  
land on the City Wharf Estate so called containing eleven thousand and two hundred and nineteen square feet of land, more or less, street upon  
which land has heretofore been laid out and dedicated by the said Quincy for the use of the public and is delineated upon a plan by Henry S. M<sup>r</sup>. Kean, Assistant City Engineer, dated August 2<sup>d</sup> 1855, and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen, said land remised as aforesaid extending only between the two red lines on said plan. And whereas the said street has been paved and put in good repair by the said Quincy at his own expense therefore Ordered: That the said land be and the same hereby is accepted as a public street of the City of Boston.

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Aug. 6. 1855. Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Pleasant Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Aaron M. Allen - bounded as follows, viz: Northeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of Pleasant Street, there measuring about fifty two feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ ; Northwestwardly by land of the said City, there measuring about twenty one feet and  $\frac{15}{100}$ ; Northwestwardly by the same,  $\frac{30}{100}$  of a foot; Southwestwardly by the same, thirty feet and  $\frac{55}{100}$ ; and Southeastwardly by the same, one foot and  $\frac{7}{10}$ ; containing one hundred and forty two square feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ , more or less. And whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by Henry S. M<sup>r</sup> Kean dated August 6<sup>th</sup> 1855 and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Pleasant Street will amount to Two hundred twenty five dollars: which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations and continuance in said street during the present year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand and seven hundred dollars, approved by the Mayor Aug. 7. 1855.

Steam Fire  
Engine

Ordered: That the Steam Fire Engine be put in commission as an auxiliary to the present force of the Fire Department under the direction of the Chief Engineer, and that the exp-



and of the same be charged to the appropriation for that department. 535.

Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

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On petition of George E. Young and Young  
others, that Concord Street, between Knox and Eagle Streets, and that Concord Street.  
Eagle Street also be graded, the Committee on Paving reported that no  
action is necessary thereon the present season. Accepted.

Ordered: That Chestnut Street Chestnut  
westerly of Charles Street, and D. Street running from the Western Street.  
Chestnut Street to the City Hall, and the said Chestnut Street to the City Hall.  
Jonathan Mason, Benjamin Joy and William Sullivan, be and the  
same are hereby accepted and laid out as public highway, provid-  
ed a bond is given by all parties interested that they will make  
no claim for damages against the City of Boston, in grading said  
streets so as to carry off the top water from the same; and will fur-  
ther agree to remove all unlawful openings and projections into  
said streets. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

Petition of Benjamin Lamson & Lamson  
others that Charles A. Johnson's burners may be used upon the street  
lamps at East Boston, in Webster Street. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Lamps.

The Mayor nominated to the Police.  
Board the following officers viz. L. M. Hill, A. B. Merrick, J. I. Shank,  
N. G. Barrows, Police Officers. Silas Trull, Special Police for Copp's Hill  
Burying Ground. Alfred M. Potter a substitute. Leonard A. Pattis &  
John G. Smith, Police Officers at the Cunard Steam Boat Wharf.  
and laid on the table.

The committee on Paving to whom

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the petition of Esther Stone and others was recommended reported that they offer the annexed order to accommodate the petitioners who desire the name of River Street instead of May Street. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the name of May Street be changed to that of River Street. Accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7, 1855.

Wm

Woodward.

On petition of William Bacon to be compensated for damages from a defect in the Common Sewer in Washington Street near 470. 472. of Woodward and Beal to be compensated for damages arising from a defect in Common Sewer in Washington Street the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

App

On petition of Abner S. Tapp for abatement of an assessment for construction of a Sewer in National Street, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Wm

On petition of William H. Mann for a Sewer in Washington Street near Common Street, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of Philip Givett and others (lamp-lighters) for an increase of pay, the Committee on Lamps reported that inasmuch as persons are applying for situation at present prices they do not think it expedient to increase the pay. Accepted.

Wm

Bennington

Street.

On petition of William H. Sumner Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at four o'clock, PM, take into consideration the



expediency of constructing a Common sewer in Bennington Street: 307,  
and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may order (Aug. 6. 1855.  
their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any  
more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person  
making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair State Street on the  
southward side from Bennington Street to Market Street. Resolved:  
That the order passed June 7<sup>th</sup> in relation to repairing the said above-  
mentioned part of State Street, with Warner's Iron pavement, be and  
the same hereby is rescinded. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

The Committee on the Jail to Benton  
whom was referred the petition of N. C. Benton and others requesting  
investigation of certain charges preferred against the jailor and his  
assistants in the case of Dr. W. A. Welthebee, have visited the jail,  
heard the testimony and have seen the answers to the questions pro-  
posed by one of the petitioners to Dr. Welthebee, now resident of New  
York, and after due consideration, beg leave to report: that the charge  
made by the friends of Dr. Welthebee and sworn to by said Welthebee  
that he was locked up in cell N<sup>o</sup> 9. Cambridge Street Jail on Friday  
June 22<sup>d</sup> 1855. between the hours of 9. and 10 o'clock, A.M. and remain-  
ed in said cell without the aid of food being offered him to  
any one, until between the hours of 10. and 11. o'clock A.M. Saturday,  
a period of more than twenty four hours, is not in the opinion of  
your Committee sustained by the evidence, and they consider it  
to be impossible under the present arrangements such negligence  
should happen. The cell N<sup>o</sup> 9. is a front cell seen from and quite near

538. the Guard's door, and any sound, even a whisper, can be heard  
Aug. 6. 1855. by the Guard, officers are passing and re-passing this cell frequently -  
rations are supplied three times during the day commencing with  
cell N<sup>o</sup> 4. - Mr. Thompson, Steward of the Jail, stated that he saw Dr.  
Wetherbee at 12 M. Friday, the day of commitment saw the regular  
man for that duty offer him a ration, the Dr. sat in a chair at  
the back of the cell and made no answer, (and not half the debtors  
the first day will take their rations) - Eugene Sullivan who served  
rations from the 20<sup>th</sup> of June to the 3<sup>d</sup> of July, confirmed the statement  
of the Steward and commenced always at cell N<sup>o</sup> 4. to serve the  
rations, is certain he offered the dinner at 12 M. on Friday. Dr.  
Wetherbee in a letter to Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup> Ford July 11. 1855. says, "I think some  
one asked me immediately after my committal if I wished any  
thing," to which I answered in the negative as it was only ten  
o'clock. A.M.:" and here your Committee think the Dr. was in error  
and under the excited state of his feelings he failed to take proper  
note of time. John A. Lawton committed Dr. Wetherbee on or before  
11 A.M. as he was expecting bail, he was not put in close jail until  
sometime after - Daniel C. Page, Turnkey, locked up Dr. Wetherbee in  
cell N<sup>o</sup> 4. between the hours of 11. & 12. Your Committee do not deem  
it necessary to give further details of this examination, as Dr. Weth-  
erbee expressly says in writing - It was not by my wish or consent  
that this matter was brought before a court of inquiry or made  
public. Your Committee are convinced if a single ration had been  
omitted the Dr. would have been promptly supplied by giving notice  
to any officer passing his cell to the guard opposite; and as to any  
charge or intimation of intentional neglect or cruelty in this case,  
they believe the jailer and his assistants should be entirely exoner-  
ated. Respectfully submitted, G. Woodbury, Chairman. Read and accepted.



On the petition of Edward Ter - 339

that Byron Street, East-Roxton, may be graded and accepted, Aug. 6. 1855.  
The Committee on Paving reported that it is not expedient to grade Byron Street the present year. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to assignment the Board Richardson  
took up the subject of the petition of Thomas Richardson vs. the New York Central Rail Road and at suggestion of counsel for the parties, the Rail Road.  
further consideration thereof was assigned for Aug. 27. at four and a half  
o'clock P.M.

No person appearing to object to Main  
the proposed widening of Hanover Street by taking land of Thomas Hanover Street.  
Main, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets.

No person appearing to object to Commercial  
the proposed widening of Commercial Street by taking land of Abigail Street.  
Smith, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets. Smith.

Agreeably to notice Francis Park Parkman  
man appeared and object to the proposed widening of Commercial Street by taking his land; the subject was then recommended to the Committee on Streets.

No person appearing to object to Gerrish  
the proposed widening of Commercial Street by taking land of Francis N. Gerrish, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets.

Agreeably to assignment the Metropolitan  
Board resumed the consideration of the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road.  
Rail Road, and the question being on striking out at **E**/as

on page 22, one track in Springfield Street &c the same was de-  
Aug. 6. 1855. termined in the negative. On motion of Alderman Dunham, the  
Board struck out from the order at F. "one track in Boylston Street  
from Washington Street to Tremont Street." The question then re-  
mains in the passage of the order. Alderman Johnson moved to in-  
sert after the word "follows" at G. the following, viz: "But on the ex-  
plicit condition to the location that said railroad company shall  
at all times after the rails are laid down keep in and around  
complete repair at their own expense that portion of all streets  
through which the said rails are or may be laid lying between  
the rails and also that portion of the street lying outside of the  
said rails and adjacent thereto extending one foot inside and one foot  
and outside of each rail throughout the whole length of said  
road in the streets of the City of Boston." which amendment  
was adopted: the order as amended was then passed, Yeas Al-  
dermen Drew, Dunham, Gould, Topliff, Washburn, Woodberry and  
Kendall. Nays Aldermen Crocker, Johnson and Hastings. Ab-  
sent Aldermen Cooke and Sprague. Approved by the Mayor, Aug-  
ust 7. 1855.

Book of  
Possessions.

Ordered: That the Book of Pos-  
sessions, so called, in the custody of the City Clerk of the City of Boston  
be copied upon parchment for the better preservation thereof, the  
expense of the same not to exceed the sum of one hundred dol-  
lars and to be charged to the appropriation for County Accounts.  
Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7. 1855.

Metropolitan  
Rail Road

grade &c.

Ordered: That the Committee on  
Paving be instructed to report to the Board the grade and gauge on  
which the tracks of the Metropolitan Rail Road shall be laid in the  
route of the location adopted by this Board.



Ordered: That the Superintendent - 511

ent of Streets grade Ninth Street, commencing at H. Street and extending the same eighty feet from said H. Street in a westerly direction, and the expense of the same be charged to the appropriation for paving. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 7, 1855.

On motion of Alderman Drew - Kneeland  
the Board took up the subject of the discontinuance of a portion of Kneeland Street, and the acceptance of a portion of Albany Street. Alderman Drew presented to the Board the petition of Charles F. Hull and others against the proposed discontinuance of Kneeland Street, which was placed among the papers of the case; after a short discussion the subject was recommended to the Special Committee on that subject. Said Committee then submitted to the Board a Resolved and Order as follows, viz: - Resolved: that the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that all that part of Kneeland Street which lies between Albany and Lincoln Streets should be discontinued, and Whereas, due notice has been given to all parties interested of the intention of this Board to discontinue said portion of Kneeland Street, and Whereas, all objections made thereto have been duly heard and considered, it is hereby Ordered: that the said portion of Kneeland Street be, and the same hereby is, discontinued as a public Street or way of the said City. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of said discontinuance will amount to the sum of two thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said Street during the present municipal year, do not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. The portion of Kneeland Street hereby discontinued is laid down upon a plan by E. S. Chesbrough, City Engineer, dated July 9<sup>th</sup> 1855, and filed with

542. the City Plans. Read and laid on the table.

Adjourned to Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty seventh day of August, Anno Domini, 1855.

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Drew and  
Jou.

Steam  
Fire engine. A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, stating that it will be necessary to build a house for the accommodation of the Steam Fire Engine, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Hunt. A communication from Charles S. Hunt respecting the conduct of Police Officer Smith was referred to the Committee on Police.

Johnson.  
Barry. Petition of William C. Johnson and others for additional lamps at the corner of Shaver's and Portland Streets; of J. H. Barry that Marion Street may be lighted with Gas. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Whidden. Petition of Thomas J. Whidden for permission to close a portion of Sister Street for a few days.



Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

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Petition of Elijah Brigham and Brigham

others that a temporary sidewalk may be laid in a portion of Indiana

Stree, of C. N. Burbank and others that the City would repay them the

cost of repairing the curbstones in Canton Street, of William Rand &

others that Gates and Telegraph Streets may be graded, of William

Knox to be paid for damage occasioned by the change of grade in

Dalham Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Communication from Long & Kent - Long &

others for a new building in the corner of a block of buildings

at the corner of the corner. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the East Boston Compa East. Boston

ny that a portion of the northeasterly end of Sumner Street may

be discontinued. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets pre- S. Street.

states that the same includes a portion of a block of streets

in the corner of a block of streets in the corner of a block of streets

Broadway east of G. Street, and in Broadway from K to G. Street. Referred

to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of William Rand & others Rand.

for a Sewer near the corner of Gates and Telegraph Streets; of Robert

Marsh that the sewer in South Williams Street may be opened. Referred

to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Edward P. Porter and Porter.

others for a Sewer in Chestnut Street west of Charles Street. Referred

544. red to the committee on Deacons and Quins.

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Washer.

Petition of John Fisher to be compensated for injuries sustained by him in Congress Street. Referred to the committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 13. came up concurred.

seal weigher

A. P. Emerson was appointed a Weigher of Seal.

Market

A communication from the Mayor respecting the sale of Provisions in the City of Boston was read and referred to the committee on the Market.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor; Dennis M. Tyler was appointed a Special Police Officer for the neighborhood of North Market Street.

Starwood

Starwood and others from a decision of this Board respecting intra-mural interments. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 13. came up concurred.

Metropolitan  
Rail Road

Notice of the acceptance by the Metropolitan Rail Road Company of the location assigned to said company by the Mayor and Aldermen August 7, 1855. was received and placed on file.

House of  
Industries  
House of  
Reformation

Report of the Directors of the Houses of Industry &c. on the Mayor's communication dated July 13, 1855. recommending that the House of Reformation &c. be removed to Deer Island, was read and referred to the Committee on Institutions at South Boston &c. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. came up concurred.



Petition of James W. Richardson to 5413

Re. said to be a small amount of money in the name of the said James W. Richardson. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 13. Came up concurred.

Petition of Joseph H. Collier and Collier

others for abatement of a nuisance in Canton Street Court. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health and Streets.

Petition of Hall & Weatherbee to be Hall &

remunerated for an alleged defect in the Shop Ellen Elizabeth sold by the City to them. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 13. Came up concurred.

A communication was received City

from the City Engineer, Ellis S. Cheshbrough, Esq., wherein he signified his intention to resign the office held by him from and after October 1<sup>st</sup> next; was read and said resignation was accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman Sprague Police.

the nominations for the Police made by the Mayor Aug. 6 (as recorded on page 535.) were taken from the table and were referred to the Committee on Police.

Petition of Isaac Hall for leave to Hall

keep an Intelligence Office at 235 Tremont Street was referred to the Committee on Licenses

Petition of W. M. Fleming for li- Fleming-

cence of National Theatre of Moses Kimball for license of Boston Museum; of Josiah Perham for leave to give concerts at the Melodeon. Kimball Perham

Referred to the committee on Licenses.

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Hunt & Co.

Petition of N. Hunt & Co. for removal of wagon stands from Devonshire Street. Referred to the committee on Licenses.

H. H.

Petition of H. C. Welch for leave to exhibit Paintings at South and East Boston. Referred to the committee on Licenses.

Oliver

On petition of John C. Oliver that a petition is filed containing his petition may be stopped therefrom, the committee on Licenses who have considered the subject, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Sproule

Street.

Ordered: That the name of the Street laid out from Washington Street to Harrison Avenue by resolution of the Board of Aldermen, passed by Mayor and Council as Sprague Street. Passed, a motion to reconsider the same having been lost. Approved by the Mayor. Aug. 28, 1855.

Water

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Public Health and Sanitary is authorized to notify the owner and occupant of premises in Water Street near Washington in which is located a Steam Engine represented as creating a nuisance, to abate the same, and in the event that said owner or occupant shall fail to abate the same after due notice, the said Superintendent is authorized to take such action as may be necessary under the direction and advice of the City Solicitor. Approved by the Mayor August 28, 1855.



Ordered: That there be paid to 517.

George S. Millard, late City Solicitor, his salary from April 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 27. 1855.

and at the same time the City of New York is authorized to pay the same amount to be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 12. 1855.

Resolved, That the safety and Main-

convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Hanover Street. Hanover  
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and Street.

lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land  
belonging to Thomas Main - bounded as follows, viz: Westwardly by the  
present line of widening of Hanover Street that measuring forty  
two feet and  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Southwardly by land heretofore taken from Job S. Turner  
or to widen the said street,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a foot; Eastwardly by the present line  
of the said street forty three feet and  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and Northwardly by the same,  
 $\frac{1}{10}$  of a foot; containing twenty one square feet, and  $\frac{2}{10}$ , more or less.

And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board  
to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears  
by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the  
parcel of land here described be, and the same hereby is, taken and  
laid out as a public street or way of the said city - according to a  
plan of the said widening made by E. S. Whetstone dated May 13<sup>th</sup>  
1854 and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And  
this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Han-  
over street, as aforesaid, will amount to sixty three dollars; which sum  
together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or dis-  
continuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does  
not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor,

Aug. 27. 1855.

Aug. 27. 1855. Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that West Cedar Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way of the said City a parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by land of Jesse Shaw, there measuring four feet and  $\frac{60}{100}$ ; Eastwardly by the proposed line of widening of West Cedar Street, one hundred and twelve feet and  $\frac{29}{100}$ ; Southwardly by River (formerly May) Street, five feet and  $\frac{42}{100}$ ; and Westwardly by the present line of West Cedar Street one hundred and twelve feet and  $\frac{60}{100}$  and containing four hundred and eighty one square feet, and  $\frac{10}{100}$  more or less. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chestrough dated August 27<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said West Cedar Street, as aforesaid, will amount to nothing: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said Street during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, August 28. 1855.

Green Street. Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Green Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Francis Parkman and Caroline Parkman - bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by land heretofore taken from Nathaniel Whiting to widen Green Street, there measuring twelve feet; Northwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said Street, fifty

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feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Southeastwardly by Chardon Street, fifteen feet and 519.  
704, and Southwestwardly by the present line of Green Street, fifty Aug. 27. 1855  
six feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; containing seven hundred and fifty three square  
feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the in-  
tention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose  
aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, it is therefore  
ordered, that the parcel of land before described be, and the same  
hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said  
city according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Whit-  
tough dated June 6<sup>th</sup> 1854 and deposited in the office of the said Board  
of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of  
widening the said Green Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Two  
thousand six hundred thirty five dollars: which sum together with  
the amount of estimates of previous alterations & discontinuances  
in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed  
the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 28. 1855.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Port-  
land Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary  
to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a  
parcel of land belonging to George W. Lewis bounded as follows,  
viz: Northwestwardly by land of Charles Hubbard, there measur-  
ing  $\frac{29}{100}$  of a foot; Northeastwardly by the proposed line of widen-  
ing of Portland Street thirty one feet and  $\frac{25}{100}$  of a foot; South-  
eastwardly by land of Rachel Jennings, one foot and  $\frac{36}{100}$ ; and South-  
westwardly by the present line of Portland Street, thirty one feet  
and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , containing fifty three square feet, more or less. And Where-  
as, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take

Portland  
Street.  
Gerrish.

550. the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid; as appears by the  
1035 return of the survey made by the city engineer that the parcel  
of land before described is, and the same hereby is, taken and  
laid out as a public street according to the plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chesbrough, dated August  
27<sup>th</sup> 1855 and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen.  
And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said  
Portland Street, as aforesaid, will amount to one hundred and  
fifty thousand dollars which sum together with the amount of damages &  
previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the  
present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five hundred  
dollars. Approved by the Mayor, August 28. 1855

Shaw. Whereas, in the opinion of the  
West Cedar Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that  
Street. West Cedar street should be widened near the corner of Revere Street,  
it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Jesse Shaw that this  
Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part  
of his land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public  
street and that Monday, the third day of September next at four o'  
clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which  
may be made thereto.

Roberts. On petition of Joseph D. Roberts and  
Holling Street. others. Ordered: That the portion of Holling Street between Wall Street  
and Everett Street, be accepted as a public highway of this city, and  
that the superintendent of streets be authorized to grade the same, when  
the same can be done without damage to the city. Approved by the Mayor,  
August 28. 1855.



Ordered: That the Superintendent 351

of Public Buildings &c and he is hereby directed to prepare for this Board Aug. 27. 1855  
the annual return of the armories used by the Volunteer Militia stat- Armories.  
ing the location and rent of each, according to the provisions of the  
Second section of the Act concerning Armories for the use of the Volun-  
teer Militia, passed April 26. 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee on North

Public Lands &c and they are hereby authorized to sell or lease any part of  
the North City Tract, so called, and flats appurtenant thereto, with all  
the buildings and erections thereon standing, the proceeds to be paid in-  
to the City Treasury. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That there be paid to the Ordinances

Chairman of Committee on Ordinances four hundred and sixty five Chairman of  
dollars for professional services to July 1<sup>st</sup> 1855, and that the same be Committee.  
charged to Incidental Expenses account. Sent down for concurrence.

No person appearing to object to the Bennington

proposed construction of a Common Sewer in Bennington Street, said Street.  
subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Agreeably to assignment the Board Richardson

resumed the consideration of the petition of Thomas Richardson vs: the  
New York Central Rail Road Company for damages arising from the loca- N. Y. Central  
tion of said road over his land in Boston, and the counsel for the peti- Railroad.  
tioner L. Parker Esq appeared at his table to present the original peti-  
tion &c &c, proceeding further in the matter as may be ordered and  
adjourned to Monday next at 10 o'clock AM.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen & Common Council held at City Hall on Sunday the 1st day of September, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

Alderman Dunham, Chairman pro tem. and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn and Jay.

Petition of George H. Brown relative to further widening of Portland Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of William Amory and others, to be paid for land taken to widen Camden Street and Shawmut Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of J. H. W. Horn for leave to put their turners upon the street Gas lamps. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Paul & Mrs Null that Chapman Street may be graded &c. of Elias C. Kuhn and others, that said street may be called in honor of said street and others. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Harrison Jay and others, occupants and owners of stores erected on site of the late City Hall, that said block of buildings may be hereafter known and called "City Hall" of James J. Jay and others that Allen Street and Court may be called some other name. Referred to the Committee on Paving.



that the assessment laid upon him in construction of a sewer in  
Saulaya Street may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of D. H. Kendall for a sewer in  
Princeton Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of John Williams Jr. and others that the  
Water Street sewer may be lowered. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Daniel Harrigan for abatement of a nuisance in 191 North Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Thomas Curry for a license for the Boston Theatre - of John P. Edway for license for Edway Hall - of John & Taylor for leave to give a Sparring Exhibition at North End Hall - of John & Taylor for leave to exhibit an Indian Woman at 150 Washington Street - of James Saran for leave to keep open a "Dance Hall" in Perry Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Agreeably to notice Jesse Shaw appeared but made no objection to the proposed widening of West Cedar Street by taking his land therefor, and thereupon the subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on Licenses, George Welch, Andrew Drake and J. Henry Piper were appointed Watchmen of Coal.

On petition of John Doherty that  
 Sep. 3, 1855. a nuisance be abated in East Dedham Street, occasioned by want  
 of a curbstone, the Committee on Paving reported that no further action  
 thereon is required. Read and accepted.

Commercial

The Committee on Streets to whom  
 was recommended the subject of widening Commercial Street by taking  
 land of Abigail Smith, reported, that no further action is requisite in  
 the premises. Read and accepted.

Amuse

Agreeably to the reports of the Com-  
 mittee on Licenses leave was granted to Moses Kimball and to  
 M. Heming, respectively, to open the Boston Museum and the Nation-  
 al Theatre for the ensuing Dramatic Season, upon the usual condi-  
 tions. Leave was also granted to S. C. Fair to exhibit a Panorama  
 at Ritchie Hall.

Light.

Leave was granted to Thomas Tufts  
 to give Equestrian Exhibitions at East Boston and South Boston, Sept.  
 17. and 18. upon payment of the sum of fifty dollars for said two days.

Warren.

On petition of George W. Warren &  
 others that Quincy Street may be widened, the Committee on Streets  
 reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Bennington

The Superintendent of Sewers present-  
 ed a report on the progress of the work in the construction of Common  
 Street - Backs and Shenton Streets - Sprague Street - Maverick and  
 Orleans Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.



The Committee on Internal

Halls to whom was referred the petition of Joseph H. Collier & others Sept. 3, 1835.  
for abatement of a nuisance in Canton Street Court, reported, that Collier  
the annoyance complained of is not a nuisance dangerous or detri-  
mental to public health; that Canton Street Court is a private way  
and the City have no control over its use if not incompatible with  
public interest, they therefore recommend that the petitioners have  
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Isaac Hall was licensed to keep Intelligence  
an Intelligence Office at 225 Tremont Street. Office.

Whereas William A. Prescott has Prescott.  
given notice to this Board of his intention to improve his buildings Kelling Street.  
on the corner of Everett and Kelling Streets, in the said City; and,  
in his notice of his said notice, he says and avers that the condi-  
tions require that the said street should be widened at the place describ-  
ed in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be giv-  
en to the said William A. Prescott that this Board intend to widen the  
street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be  
built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street -  
and that Monday, the tenth day of September current at four o'clock  
P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objection which may be  
made thereto.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, Hawkins  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that a por- Street.  
tion of Hawkins Street, on land taken from John M. Barnard by a  
conveyance from him, should be discontinued, it is therefore  
Ordered, that due notice be given to the said John M. Barnard, also,  
to Arioch Wentworth, Isaac H. Hazellon, Jeremiah Williams, J. W. Edmonds, and

356. Mary Townsend, that this Board intend to discontinue a portion of  
Sep. 3. 1855. the street before mentioned, and that Monday, the Tenth day of September current, at four o'clock, PM, is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Gerrish  
Market.

Whereas a nuisance exists at the  
Gerrish Market that is detrimental and dangerous to the Public Health,  
it is hereby Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health notify the owner  
a owner of said place to abate the said nuisance, and in the event  
that the same is not abated after due notice, then the said Superintendent  
is hereby authorized to abate the same and charge the expense  
thereof to the proper persons. - Approved by the Mayor Sept. 11. 1855.

Rand.  
Gales Street.  
Telegraph St.

On petition of William Rand and  
others - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to  
grade Gales Street and Telegraph Street, between Cal. Harbor & Mercer  
Streets. Approved by the Mayor, September 4. 1855.

Coal Hole  
Protectors.

Ordered: That the Committee on  
Paving be and they are hereby vested with full power to determine  
upon the safety of the Coal Hole Protectors now in use in the City, and  
upon the necessity of changing or of modifying the same in any and  
all cases in this City.

North Charles  
Street -  
Sea Wall.

The Committee on Paving, to which  
was referred the order for an estimate of the cost of erecting a Sea Wall  
along the line of North Charles Street, reported (as on file) an estimate of  
the same and recommended a loan for the same. Accepted, and  
thereupon said report was referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent  
down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Same up concurred.



On the petition of L. Y. Kendall

and others the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported the accompanying order of notice. Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Rincelon Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard. Accepted and the order passed.

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Kendall  
Rincelon  
Street.

On the petition of Edward P. Porter

Porter and others, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported the accompanying order of notice. Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Chestnut and L. Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard. Accepted and the order passed.

Porter  
Chestnut  
& L. Street  
Sewer

Leave was granted to Josiah

Leham to give concerts at the Melodeon on the usual conditions

Leham

Ordered: That there be paid to

Nathaniel Whiting the sum of Seventy Dollars, being one fourth the estimated cost of constructing a Common Sewer in Pills Street of a depth of ten feet, and that said sum be charged to the appropriation for Sewers and Drains, and it is also Ordered: That said Whiting shall be entitled to collect from the owners of any of the estates in Pills Street,

Whiting  
Pills Street

358 who may wish to avail themselves of the new sewer, such sums as  
Sep. 3. 1855. shall be found to be just and equitable. Approved by the Mayor Sep.  
14. 1855.

Muir Ordered: That there be paid to Thomas  
Muir the sum of One hundred dollars for land taken to widen  
Hanover Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and  
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses  
in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the  
appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the  
Mayor, Sep. 4. 1855.

Mentwirth Ordered: That there be paid to Nicholas  
Mentwirth and Isaac H. Hazelton the sum of Four thousand seven hun-  
Sudbury Street, dred twenty and <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to widen Sudbury Street,  
June 20. 1855. upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an  
acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in  
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the  
appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the  
Mayor, Sep. 4. 1855.

Mentwirth Ordered: That there be paid to Nicholas  
& Hazelton. Mentwirth and Isaac H. Hazelton the sum of sixteen hundred twelve  
Hawkins Street. and <sup>60</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to widen Hawkins Street, June 20. 1855 -  
upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquit-  
tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence  
of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for  
laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 4. 1855.

Bemis Ordered: That there be paid to Luke  
Bemis the sum of One hundred eighty eight and <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land  
taken to construct the Avenue around the Reservoir at South Boston, up



on his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance 559.  
and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of Sep. 3. 1855.  
said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for  
unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets. Approved  
by the Mayor, Sep. 11. 1855.

Ordered, That the Superintendent Pearl  
of Streets be authorized to repave Paul Street from Purchase to Steel  
Broad Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street  
as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the  
line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all  
openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance  
with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 11. 1855.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police, the nominations of T. B. Merrick, J. I. Stark  
and H. G. Barrows as Police Officers were confirmed by the Board.  
also, to have a Police Officer for special care of Copp's Pond  
Ground - Alfred H. Potter as a substitute on Police Force - Barnard A.  
Ellis and John Pentys as Police Officers for special care of Gunard  
Steamship "May" and "Pilot".

On petition of Samuel May, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to macadamize Franklin Place.  
ize a part of Franklin Place. Approved by the Mayor Sep. 11. 1855.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police Beverly  
cause all obstructions of every sort which now project or exist over  
the lines of Beverly Street as heretofore established by this Board to  
be removed within thirty days from this date: also that he be directed  
to remove all trucks, wagons, and other vehicles which are suffered

560 to stand without leave in said street.

Sep. 3, 1855.

Ordered: That the Superin-

Second Street. tendent of Streets be authorized to remove all projections over the line of Second Street between Dorchester Avenue and A. Street.

Constables.

Resolved: That in the opinion

of the Board the number of Constables to be appointed for the ensuing year should not exceed sixty.

Middlesex

On motion of Alderman Cooke,

Rail Road. the subject of the location of the Middlesex Rail Road within the limits of this City was taken from the table and especially assigned for Monday next at five o'clock, P.M.

Richardson

Agreeably to assignment the Board

resumed the consideration of the subject of the petition of Thomas Rich-

ardson in the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Com-

Central Railroad. ges. when David Thayer, Esq. counsel for the petitioner renewed his motion to amend his petition by striking out and inserting as set forth in the written motion on file, marked A. - said motion having been opposed by S. W. Bates, Esq. counsel for the respondents, on motion of Alderman Drew the further consideration of the same was assigned for Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> at four and a half o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Tenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1835.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Gould and

Petition of E. Davenport and others, Quashed.  
that Robinson's Gas Burners may be placed on the Street Lamps in Bedford Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps

Petition of Dennis S. Hogan, late Hogan.  
commander of the Suffolk Guard, for payment of debt now due from said company. Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Petition of Isaac F. Fisher for Fisher  
leave to erect and run a Steam Engine at 289 Causeway Street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Communication from Chief Camden  
of Police respecting the dangerous character of buildings in Camden Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of John Jeffers for leave Jeffers.  
to construct a cellar doorway at 57 Fleet Street - of Simeon P. Adams,  
Adams and others that the name of Alden Street be not changed - of Hobart,  
Hobart, and others that damages sustained by them from the Johnson,  
change of grade in Arnold Street may be reimbursed to them - of Bull,  
Bull, and others that the Portland Street sidewalks between Traverser & George  
Causeway Streets may be relaid - of Jonas Bull and others, that  
Emerald Street may be so graded that the surface water may

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Sep. 10. 1855. be carried off - of Thomas & George and others that the grade of B. street may be established. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Standish Petition of Standish and Woodberry for leave to close a portion of Avery Street for three days. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Sumner Petition of T. A. Sumner and others for a Common Sewer in Shawmut Avenue between Canton and Dedham Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Soule Petition of Richard Soule and others that the cess pool in Pills Court may be enlarged - of William D. Gildes and others that the Allen Street Sewer may be turned. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Quarantine. A communication from the Mayor recommending the sale of the Quarantine Boat. Referred to the Committee on External Health.

Quarantine A communication from the City Physician recommending a temporary quarantine on vessels coming from ports where yellow fever prevails. Referred to the Committee on External Health.

Jewell Petition of John P. Jewell & Co. that E. C. Rogers may be appointed Superintendent of Fire Alarms. Referred to the Committee on Fire Alarms. Sent down for concurrence, Oct. 14. Came up amended.

Maxfield Petition of James Maxfield that he may be paid for damages occasioned to his estate by the erection of a



School House adjacent thereto. Referred to the Committee on Public 563.  
Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 13. Came up concurred.

Sept. 10. 1855.

A communication from the Mayor Lyons; France/  
covering one from E. J. Goddick, United States Consul at Lyons, France, Washington.  
whereby an elegant portrait of Washington woven in white silk  
was presented to the City Council of Boston, was read and referred to  
Aldermen Cooke and Drew with such as the Common Council may  
join to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up  
concurred, and Messrs Mumma, Burgess and Stone were joined.

J. N. Westcott was licensed to keep an Intelligence Office at 191 Washington Street. Intelligence  
office.

Agreeably to the reports of the Com- Taylor.  
mittee on Licenses leave was granted to John E. Taylor to give a Spar-  
ring Exhibition at National Hall for one night and to pay five dollars Beach.  
therefor - and to J. W. Beach to exhibit an Indian Woman at 150 Wash-  
ington Street, upon payment of one dollar per night.

Agreeably to the reports of the Com- Boston Theatre  
mittee on Licenses, Thomas Barry was allowed to open the Boston Thea- Ordway  
tre - and John P. Ordway to open Ordway Hall for public amusements Hall.  
the ensuing season and on the usual terms.

On petition of Barnum and Barnum.  
Wood for leave to exhibit children at the Music Hall for five days from  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> instant, the Committee on Licenses reported in favor of grant-  
ing the same upon payment thereof, in consideration of a donation  
to the cost of "Hice". The Yeas and Nays being required on the acceptance

564.  
Sep. 10, 1855. if said report, they were taken as follows, viz: Yeas, Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Dunham, Messinger, Sprague, Topley and Woodberry. 7. Nays, Aldermen Drew, Washburn, and Woodman, 3. To said report was accepted.

Saleman.

On petition of Horatio Bateman for leave to exhibit colored children at Chapman Hall for five days, the Committee on Licenses reported in favor of granting the same provided he pay therefor the sum of ten dollars per day and in addition to the cost of Police. Upon the acceptance of this report the Yeas and Nays being required were taken as follows, viz: Yeas, Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Dunham, Messinger, Sprague, Woodberry, 6. Nays, Aldermen Drew, Topley, Washburn and Woodman 4. To said report was accepted.

Higgin.

On petition of R. P. Higgin and others for the removal of a wagon stand at the corner of Water and Broad Streets, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Hunt.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred the communication of Charles S. Hunt respecting the conduct of Police Officer Smith, reported, that they have given the parties a hearing and as Mr. Smith was acting under orders from the Chief of Police in clearing the sidewalk, it does not appear that he has done any more than his duty, acting under orders. The Committee therefore ask to be discharged from the matter. Accepted.

Minors

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, Michael Reynolds and Andrew L. Bigelow, minors, were licensed to sell fruit &c.



On petition of N. Hunt & Co. 565.

for removal of wagon stands from Devonshire Street the Committee Sep. 10. 1855.  
in license reported that the petitioners had been to withdraw. Read  
and thereupon it was ordered that said report be recommended to the  
Committee on Licenses with instructions to hear the petitioners.

No person appearing to object to

the proposed construction of sewers in Chestnut Street, west of Charles & D. Streets  
Street, and in D. Street near the Western Avenue, said subject was  
recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

No person appearing to object Princeton

to the proposed construction of a sewer in Princeton Street, said sub-  
ject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

No person appearing to object Prescott.

in the proposed widening of Gelling Street, by taking land of William Gelling Street.  
J. Prescott, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets  
with full power.

Agreeably to the order of Aug. Armories.

ust 27<sup>th</sup>, the Superintendent of Public Buildings presented to the Board  
a Schedule of the Armories used by the Massachusetts Volunteer Com-  
panies in this City. Read and placed on file.

No person appearing to object to Hawkins

the proposed discontinuance of a portion of Hawkins Street, said sub-  
ject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

On nomination by the Mayor,

Sept. 16, 1855. Cyrus A. Harris was appointed an Auctioneer of this City at N<sup>o</sup> 18.  
Auctioneer. India Street.

Foreman John S. Maxwell sent in his resig-  
of Engine C<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 5. nation as Foreman of Engine C<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 5. Read and accepted.

Public

A communication was received

Library.

from the Mayor covering an invitation to him and such members of the Government as he may invite, from the Commissioners on the erection of the Public Library, to lay the corner stone of that edifice on Monday next the seventeenth instant at four o'clock, P.M. Read and referred to Aldermen Messinger, Cooke and Washburn, with such as the Common Council may join, to constitute a Committee of conference with said Commissioners on the subject of the ceremonies. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 13. Came up concurred, and Messrs Plummer, Dexter, Gilbert, Prince, and Marble were joined.

Common

Alderman Messinger submitted to

Council.

the Board the following resolve. Resolved: That in the opinion of this Board the City Charter provides that His Honor the Mayor has power whenever in his judgement the good of the City may require it to summon meetings of this Board or either of them, and that in the opinion of this Board a necessity exists for calling a special meeting of the Common Council to be held on Thursday evening next at seven and a half o'clock, for the purpose of passing on such papers and matters as have been or may be transmitted to them by this Board. On the passage of this Resolve, the Yeas and Nays being required they were taken as follows, viz: Aldermen Cowdin, Durham, Messinger, Sprague, Woodberry and Woodman. - 6. Nays - Aldermen Cooke, Topliff and Washburn - 3.



Attest, Aldermen Drew, Joy and Gould. So said resolve was adopted. 567.

Sep. 10. 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to furnish and set edgestones and pave the gutters in 7<sup>th</sup> Street from B. to D. Street, provided the abutters on said street agree to pay for the edgestone. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists in Garney Lane caused by rain and drain pipe running on to premises adjoining said premises, belonging to Robert P. Minion, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated in such manner as he may deem expedient, at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified, have neglected to abate said nuisance. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to furnish and set edgestones and pave the gutters in Cutaw Street from Meridian Street to the Chapman School House, the abutters on said street having agreed to pay for the edgestones. Approved by the Mayor Sep. 12. 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters in Saratoga Street from Central Square to Marion Street, and furnish and set edgestones in front of those estates where they have not been set, provided the abutters agree to pay for the same at the rate of forty two cents per foot. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Ordered: That so much of the order passed July 16<sup>th</sup> 1855, for the paving of a street between South Street.

568. and N. the Streets, as provides "that the abutters sign a written agreement  
Sep. 10. 1855. that they will claim no grade damages of the City of Boston", be and  
the same hereby is rescinded, the abutters thereon who would sustain  
any injury having raised the buildings on their several estates. - Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Washington  
Village  
School House

The Committee of the City Council who  
were appointed under the order of May 28. 1855. to confer with the Selectmen of Dorchester with reference to the details of the annexation of Washington Village, Report: That they have concluded all the matters arising therefrom which were assigned to them with the exception of procuring the plan of the territory, and of arranging with the authorities of Dorchester relative to the title of the School House situated in this Village. An opinion from the City Solicitor informed the Committee that the title of the School House, on account of the absence of any special provision in the Act of Incorporation remains in the town of Dorchester. Your committee obtained from said town permission for the City to occupy the building until the first day of September instant. At the expiration of this time the Dorchester committee advertised the house for sale, and if sold to other parties it would have left the City without any provision for the children who attend school in that vicinity. To meet this exigency your Committee had several meetings with the Dorchester Committee - and finding the School House to be a substantial brick building, two stories high, and erected at a cost of ten thousand dollars, they agreed to advise the City Council to purchase the same for the sum of six thousand dollars. They further recommended the raising of the following aid. For the Committee. Resolved: That there be paid to the Town of Dorchester for the brick School House and estate located in that part of South Boston known as Washington Village, the sum of



Six thousand dollars, upon said town's giving to the city a good and 369  
sufficient deed of said property, the expense to be charged to the appo- 472. 10. 1855.  
intation for Grammar School House. Ordered: That the care and custo-  
dy of said building, in accordance with its purpose, be placed in the  
hands of the Committee on Public Buildings. Read, accepted and the  
order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 13. 1855.

The Joint Special Committee on Goodwin  
the subject of Washington Village recently annexed to this city, to  
whom was referred the petition of N. M. Goodwin and others for the  
use of the school house in the village for the purpose of holding a  
meeting therein, respectfully report the following order. For the Commit-  
tee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the use of one of the  
rooms in the school house in Washington Village be granted to N. M.  
Goodwin and others for the purpose of holding a Sabbath School and  
Public Worship therein on Sundays - said use and occupation to be  
under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Read,  
accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. October 11.  
Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 6. 1855.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve Parkman  
passed the twenty eighth day of August last past took a certain par- Green Street  
cel of land, therein described, lying on Green Street and laid out  
the same as a public street or way of said city, it is therefore Ordered,  
That due notice be given to Caroline Parkman and Francis Parkman  
and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants,  
or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and  
carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort stan-  
ding on and projecting over the line of said Green street, as establish-

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ed by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the twenty first day of September instant. but in default thereof, the Chief of Police is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Green street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening streets.

Friend Street.

Beal.

Davis.

Alley.

Minot.

The Associates

Whereas the City Council by a Resolve passed the twenty eighth day of July took certain parcels of land; therein described, lying between Hanover and Union Streets, and laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Henry Beal, James Davis, Nathaniel Alley's heirs, William Minot, trustee, the Fifty Associates, and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of the extension of Friend street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the twentieth day of October now next ensuing. but in default thereof, the Chief of Police is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Friend street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set



back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered 571.  
under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Sep 10. 1855.  
streets.

"The Committee on the Internal" Connors.

With to whom was presented the petition of William Connors, respectfully employees  
represent that they have investigated a charge made in connection with Internal health  
the petition and find no sufficient evidence, in the evidence presented, Department.  
to substantiate the charge. They find that the change of employment  
of said Connors was made by the Superintendent for the reason that  
said Connors did not discharge his duty in his former position without con-  
stant oversight; that the complaint against Connors had been made prior  
to the time fixed by him at which he represents that Butler solicited  
the subscription, that Connors has made statements to others differing  
essentially from his own statement to the Committee, one witness hav-  
ing testified that Connors told him he supposed he could stay if he would  
pay Butler five dollars. The Committee have thought proper to investigate  
the charges but have been misled with this and have found that  
neither of said cases occurred in the present Municipal year, and  
that neither of the parties are in the employment of the Department at  
the present time and have not been since the commencement of the pres-  
ent year. No case of subsidy from employees for donations have occurred dur-  
ing the present year to the knowledge of the Department or Committee.  
Your Committee are of opinion that the donating of medals, plates and gifts  
for simple fidelity to duty is one that should be discontinued as a gener-  
al thing; instances have and may occur in which an essential  
service may be rendered to the public by a departure from this general  
rule. The best rewards of merit that officials of every station and po-  
sition can procure are the satisfaction and a commendation of a discerning  
affords and the commendations of a discerning public. The Committee

572. would recommend, in view of the importance of the subject, that the  
Sep. 10. 1855. Superintendent notify the employees of the Internal Health Depart-  
ment that any case of solicitation of donations for the purpose refer-  
ed to in this report shall result in the immediate removal of the  
party from employment in this Department. Benj. T. Cooke, Chairman  
Accepted and placed on file

Adjournment. Voted: that when this Board  
adjourns it be to meet on Monday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

Third Ordered: That the Superintendent  
Street. of Streets be authorized to furnish and set edgestone on Third Street, and  
for the gutter between Second Street and Third Street provided the abutters  
agree to pay for the edgestone at the rate of forty two cents per foot. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor Sep. 12. 1855.

West Cedar Resolved, That the safety and con-  
Street. venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that West Cedar  
Shaw. street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take,  
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel  
of land belonging to Jesse Shaw bounded as follows, viz: Eastwardly  
by the proposed line of widening of West Cedar Street, there measur-  
ing thirty eight feet and  $\frac{18}{100}$ ; Southwardly by land late of the City of  
Boston, recently sold out as a part of his said land, one foot and  
 $\frac{6}{100}$ ; Westwardly by the present line of the said street, thirty eight feet  
and  $\frac{6}{100}$ ; and Northwardly by the same and by land of John G.  
Roberts, one foot and  $\frac{23}{100}$ ; containing one hundred and twenty six  
square feet and  $\frac{5}{10}$ , more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been  
given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land  
for the purpose aforesaid, as appears in the notice herewith annexed.  
It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and



the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of 573.  
the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by Sep. 10. 1855.  
E. G. Hestrough dated August 27<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office  
of the Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the  
expense of widening the said West Cedar Street, as aforesaid, will  
amount to one hundred eighty nine dollars: which sum together  
with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinu-  
ances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not  
exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12.  
1855.

Alderman Dunham from the Comps.  
Committee on Comps, with some prefatory remarks submitted to the  
Board the following order: Ordered: That the Committee on Comps  
be and they are hereby directed to accept Mr. Johnson's proposition to apply  
the city with his interest, and to have all the Comps and interest  
changed for said Turner; provided Mr. Johnson gives a bond to be ap-  
proved by the Committee on Comps that he will execute his work for  
one year as he agrees to in the annexed proposition. (See proposition on  
file). On the passage of this order the Yeas and Nays being required they  
were taken as follows - Yeas Aldermen Drew, Dunham, Messinger, Sprague,  
Topliff, Worden and Woodman - 7. Nays Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, and  
Washburn, 3. So said order was adopted. Approved by the Mayor, Sep.  
1855.

Alderman Cooke offered the fol- Horse River  
lowing order: Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances be & they  
are hereby authorized, if the Committee deem it expedient, to visit and  
inspect the various bridges over the Horse River and to report thereon to the  
Board at a meeting on or before the 1st of October. And  
and laid on the table.

On petition of Harrison Fay and  
 Sep. 10. 1855. others— Ordered: That the street accepted by this Board August 6<sup>th</sup> 1855.  
 running from Commercial Street to the water opposite South Market  
 City Wharf. Street, be hereafter called and known as "City Wharf."

Undertakers  
 Tombs.

Ordered: That the City Registrar be  
 and he is hereby directed to issue no permits for the deposit of bodies in  
 Tombs by Undertakers for purposes of speculation. Approved by the Mayor,  
 Sep. 12. 1855.

Eliot.  
 West Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of  
 Streets be authorized to repave West Street from Tremont Street to the  
 stable on the southerly side, with Nicholson's wooden pavement, provided  
 the abutters thereon pay eleven hundred dollars towards the expense  
 of said repaving. Also, that the remaining part of said street from  
 the stable to Washington Street be repaved. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12.  
 1855.

Cholera  
 Hospital.

Ordered: That the Committee on  
 Internal Health be and they are hereby directed to surrender the build-  
 ing recently erected by them on Albany Street for a Cholera Hospital, to the Mayor, in  
 order that he may tender the use of the same to the United States Agri-  
 cultural Society for the purpose of their National Exhibition in October next.

Skews Fund  
 Schools.

Ordered: That the Superintendent  
 of Public Buildings with the consent and direction of the Committee on  
 Public Buildings furnish to the Trustees of the Skews Fund such rooms  
 in any of the buildings belonging to the City in Ward 12. as may be  
 necessary for said Trustees to use for free evening Schools. the expense  
 for lighting warming and taking care of said rooms to be paid by the  
 City and all other expenses to be paid by said Trustees. Sent down for



concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 573.

Feb 6. 1835.

Sept. 10. 1835.

Ordered: That the Committee

on Public Buildings be requested at their earliest convenience to cause Station House No. 5. to be enlarged and the number of lock ups to be increased - so as to properly accommodate the increased requirements of Police Station No. 5. and that the same Committee consider the expediency of altering the attic of the City Building so that the Battery attached to the "Ice Room" may be removed there from the said building, as the present location of said Battery is considered a nuisance to the Police Station No. 2. And that the same Committee consider the expediency of enlarging Police Station No. 2. by taking a part of the present Water Office - and, if the Battery be removed, of increasing the number of lock-ups. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 13. 1835.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order

Concord

of this Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of June 1835. public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Concord Street, the cost of which was Seventy dollars & twelve cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains fifty six dollars <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or assigns. Approved by the Mayor. Sep. 12. 1835.

Street.

Apr. 10. 1855.

Congress  
Street.

this Board, passed on the Ninth day of April 1855 public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Congress Street, the cost of which was Three hundred and sixty dollars and eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred and seventy dollars  $\frac{2}{3}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor Apr. 12. 1855.

A

Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of

this Board, passed on the twenty eighth day of August 1854 public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in A. Street, the cost of which was one hundred & seventy eight dollars and sixty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains one hundred & thirty three dollars  $\frac{2}{3}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.



Whereas pursuant to an Order 577  
of this Board, passed on the twenty eighth day of May 1835. public notice Sep. 10. 1835.  
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Border  
ed in Border Street, the cost of which was Nine hundred and twenty  
four dollars and eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted,  
to be paid by the said City, there remains Six hundred and ninety one  
dollars Two to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to  
law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule  
hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby  
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective  
names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer,  
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to  
the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor,  
Sep. 12. 1835.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Notice  
this Board, passed on the twenty fourth day of July 1834. public notice  
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been construc-  
ted in Bolton Street, the cost of which was Five hundred and nine-  
ty eight dollars and sixty one cents, one quarter part whereof being  
deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Four hundred  
and forty eight dollars Two to be charged to persons benefitted by the  
same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons nam-  
ed in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid,  
be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein  
set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense  
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice  
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved  
by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1835.

Sep. 10. 1855.

Broadway.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty third day of May 1855. public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Broadway the cost of which was Ten hundred and seventy four dollars and thirty six cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Eight hundred and five dollars  $\frac{1}{4}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Bennington

Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty seventh day of August 1855. public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Bennington Street, the cost of which was Four hundred and eighteen dollars and eighteen cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Three hundred & thirteen dollars  $\frac{3}{4}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.



Whereas pursuant to an Order 574.

of this Board, passed on the eighteenth day of June 1855 public notice Sep. 10 1855.  
thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been consue-  
led in Broadway east of 9. Street, the cost of which was three hun-  
red and forty seven dollars and thirty eight cents, one quarter part  
whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains  
Two Hundred and sixty dollars <sup>94</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefi-  
ted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the  
persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted  
as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the  
sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional  
part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to  
be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their  
tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Clinton

this Board, passed on the Third day of July 1854. a Common Sewer  
has been constructed in Clinton Street since then erected and the  
cost of which was Twenty one Hundred and four dollars and forty  
eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by  
the said City, there remains Fifteen Hundred and seventy eight  
dollars <sup>36</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-  
ing to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the  
Schedule herunto annexed being benefitted as aforesaid be and  
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set  
to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense  
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and  
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.  
Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Sept. 10, 1855.  
Maverick  
& Orleans  
Streets

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Eleventh day of July 1855, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Maverick and Orleans Streets, the cost of which was Eleven hundred and ninety one Dollars and twenty three cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains eight hundred and ninety three dollars  $\frac{42}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12, 1855.

Quincy  
Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Eleventh day of Sept. 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Quincy Street, the cost of which was Five hundred and seventy five dollars and eighty eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains four hundred and thirty one dollars  $\frac{9}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12, 1855.



Whereas, pursuant to an 381.

Order of this Board, passed on the twentieth day of October, 1854. Sep. 10. 1855.  
Public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has  
been constructed in Sixth Street west of Dorchester Avenue, the cost  
of which was Five Hundred and forty nine dollars and ninety six  
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said  
City, there remains Four Hundred and twelve dollars  $\frac{47}{100}$  to be charg-  
ed to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore,  
Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed,  
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and  
assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as  
their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same  
is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid,  
their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Whereas pursuant to an Order Sprague  
of this Board, passed on the thirtieth day of July 1855. a Common Sewer  
has been constructed in Sprague Street, the cost of which was Four  
Hundred dollars and twenty four cents, one quarter part whereof be-  
ing deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Three hundred  
dollars  $\frac{12}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-  
ing to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the  
Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and  
they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein set to  
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense  
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice  
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved  
by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Sept. 10, 1855

Shawmut

Avenue.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of June 1855 public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Shawmut Avenue, the cost of which was Three Hundred and fifty four dollars and twenty eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two Hundred and sixty five dollars  $\frac{1}{4}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

Webster

Avenue.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty eighth day of May 1855, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Webster Avenue, the cost of which was Six Hundred and forty seven dollars and sixty four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Four Hundred and eighty five dollars  $\frac{1}{4}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor Sep. 12. 1855.



Whereas, pursuant to an Order 583.

of this Board, passed on the Ninth day of July 1855. public notice thereof Feb. 10. 1855.  
having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in White Street.  
White Street, the cost of which was Five hundred and fifty three dollars  
and eighty cents, and out of the same sum being deducted the amount  
paid by the said City, there remains Four hundred and fifteen dollars  
400 to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law:  
It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule here-  
unto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby  
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respec-  
tive names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer,  
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to  
the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor,  
Feb. 12. 1855.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Brooks &  
this Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of June 1855. public notice Trenton Streets.  
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been construct-  
ed in Brooks and Trenton Streets, the cost of which was Twenty three  
hundred and fifty four dollars and ninety three cents, one quarter  
part thereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains  
seventeen hundred and seventy three dollars 700 to be charged to per-  
sons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered,  
that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being  
benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed,  
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their propor-  
tional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered  
to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their  
tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 12. 1855.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Sixteenth day of July 1855. public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Liverpool Street, the cost of which was Nine hundred and forty two dollars and sixty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Seven hundred and six dollars and  $\frac{95}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12. 1855.

K. Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of June 1855. public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in K. Street south of Eighth Street, the cost of which was Seven teen hundred and twenty dollars and ninety cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Twelve hundred and ninety dollars  $\frac{68}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor Sep. 12. 1855.



The special assignment having 585

been taken up viz: the consideration of the location of the Middlesex  
sex Rail Road within the limits of this city. The Board voted to adjourn.  
Middlesex  
Railroad.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twentieth  
day of September, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Joy.

Petition of J. M. Field and others : Field  
for leave to open the Howard Athenaeum for Theatrical Exhibitions. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Samuel Blake's heirs : Blake  
to be paid for alterations of grade in Broadway and P. Streets. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of E. H. Baker and others : Baker  
for change of name of Thomas Street and Park of Thomas Nolen : Nolen.  
for leave to open a cellar doorway at 44 E. Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving.

Petition of William Foster for : Foster.  
compensation for damages to his dwelling house on the land taken  
to widen Summer Street and other damages. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Streets.

Petition of Clark and Mazer for : Clark  
leave to insert windows in the building at N<sup>o</sup> 7. Richmond Street,

506 which overlook the Primary School House estate in that vicinity. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concu-  
rence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

Hammon. Petition of William Freeman and  
Council Hall. others for the use of Council Hall Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> wherein to hold a public  
political meeting. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on  
the part of this Board.

Clapp. Petition of Otis Clapp and others that  
Cabel. the West Chestnut Street Sewer may be extended to Mount Vernon  
Street and of Edward Cabel and others in aid of the same. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Vinton. Petition of John A Vinton for appoint-  
ment as Superintendent of Fire Alarms. Referred to the Committee  
on Fire Alarms. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

Ward. Petition of Wm. Ward to be paid for  
injuries received by him while in the employment of the City. Referred  
to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4.  
came up concurred.

Prisons. The Inspectors of Prisons presented to  
Inspector of the Board their report on the condition of the Jail, House of Correction,  
House of Industry, and Lunatic Hospital for the six months ending  
June 30. 1835. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Police The Mayor nominated to the Board  
Samuel Jenkins and Isaac H. Williams as Police Officers. Referred to  
the Committee on Police.



Whereas it appears to this 597

Board that a nuisance exists on premises, a stable in Unity Street, Sep. 17, 1855  
and at the same time and place on said premises a nuisance exists, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby  
Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated in case of neglect of said  
Gillway and at his expense he having been duly notified, to abate  
said nuisance. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 12, 1855.

On nomination by the Mayor, Auctioneer.

Daniel Hersey was appointed an Auctioneer at corner of Hudson &  
Harvard Streets.

The Board having assembled Richardson  
this day at ten o'clock in the morning instead of four o'clock, P.M. vs:  
(their usual hour) on account of the ceremonies attendant upon the New York  
laying of the corner stone of the new Public Library Building this Central R.R.  
afternoon, the special assignment of the consideration of the proposed  
amendment of the petition of Thomas Richardson vs. the New York  
Central Rail Road Company for damages &c. which would have been  
in order at four and a half o'clock, P.M. was, by consent of the  
Board and of the parties in interest, taken up at this time, and  
the further consideration of the same was again postponed to Octo-  
ber 8<sup>th</sup> at four o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police Boylston  
be and he hereby is authorized to close so much of Boylston Street Street.  
this afternoon between the hours of three and six o'clock as he may  
deem necessary for the public convenience.

On petition of John Jeffers Jeffers  
for leave to construct a cellar doorway at 57<sup>th</sup> Street and the Commission

588. on Paving reported, that leave be granted, as the petitioner has  
Sep. 17, 1855. signed an agreement that said cellar doorway shall not be kept  
open. Read and accepted.

Brown.

On petition of Charles N. Brown and  
others for the improvement of South Street, the committee on Paving  
reported that it is inexpedient to pave said street the present season.  
Read and accepted.

On petition of Benjamin H. Smith  
to be paid for damages for closing his cellar doorway in Vine Street,  
the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Shawmut

The Board approved a vote of the  
Committee on Public Lands which authorized the Superintendent of  
Common Sewers to lay, under the direction of the Committee on Pub-  
lic Lands, such sewers and drains through the passageway leading  
from Shawmut Avenue and between Union Park and Chelsea Street,  
as in the opinion of said Committee may be deemed necessary for  
the suitable drainage of the land bordering on said passageway,  
the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Lands. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor, Sep. 12, 1855.

Chelsea

Alderman Cooke moved to reconsid-  
er the vote, whereby the Board, Sep. 10, 1855, directed the surrender of the  
Chelsea Hospital to the Mayor for the purpose of holding the National  
Exhibition of the United States Agricultural Society therein and in  
the vicinity. But said motion did not prevail.

Streets

Ordered: That the Chief of Police  
be and he is hereby directed to enforce the Ordinances respecting ob-  
structions in the Public Streets of this City.



Whereas in the opinion of 589.

the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Sep. 17. 1855.  
a portion of Hawkins Street, on land taken from John M. Barnard Hawkins  
by a resolve passed August 15<sup>th</sup> 1853 should be discontinued; it is Street.  
therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said John M.  
Barnard, also to Rich Wentworth, Isaac H. Hazelden, Jeremiah Williams,  
J. W. Edmands, and Mary Townsend, that this Board intend to discon-  
tinue a portion of the street before mentioned, and that Monday,  
the twenty fourth day of September current at four o'clock, P.M.,  
is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be  
made thereto.

Ordered: That the sum of Steamboat  
Twenty eight hundred dollars be transferred from the appropria-  
tion for the House of Industry &c. and added to that for the Steamer  
Henry Morrison, the same being to meet the expenditures for Fuel  
and other incidental expenses of running the Boat in conformity  
with the order of the City Council of 7<sup>th</sup> July last. - Yeas, Aldermen  
Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Wash-  
burn, and Woodman, 10. Nays 0. Sent down for concurrence, Oct. 11.  
Came up concurred, Yeas, 34. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, Oct.  
13. 1855.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be Loan  
and he hereby is authorized to borrow under the direction of the Public Funds.  
Committee on Finance the sum of Fifty thousand dollars and that  
the same be appropriated for expenditures on the Public Funds. Passed  
in Common Council. Yeas 32. Nays, none. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham,  
Gould, Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodman, 11.  
Nays none. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 18. 1855

The Board resumed the consid-  
 eration of the subject of the location of the Middlesex Rail Road  
 within this city and after adopting an amendment thereto said  
 location was established as follows viz. Ordered: That the location of  
 the Middlesex Railroad track shall be as follows commencing at  
 Warren Bridge and running thence across Causeway Street to  
 Beverly Street thence upon and as near the centre of said Beverly  
 Street as may be to Charlestown Street and upon the centre of said  
 Charlestown Street to a point where the northerly line of Haverhill  
 Street extended easterly, would intersect the line of said track—  
 thence turning back upon said Charlestown Street and upon the  
 centre of said street to Causeway Street and thence upon said street  
 and in the centre of the same to Charles River Bridge, the same  
 to be with a single track only, except upon that portion of Charlestown  
 Street between Beverly Street and Haymarket Square; the gauge  
 of said track not to exceed four feet and eleven inches, the rails  
 to be of the same size and pattern as are used on the Third Avenue  
 Railroad in the City of New York. The method of construction to be  
 similar to that on the railroad in the City of New York. The work to be  
 done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets and of the Com-  
 mittee on Paving. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 18. 1855.

Quarantine:

The Committee on External Health  
 to whom was referred the communication of the City Physician re-  
 specting the propriety of establishing a temporary Quarantine on ves-  
 sels arriving from Southern Ports, where the Yellow Fever is now prevail-  
 ing, having consulted with the Health Officers of this Port in relation  
 to the same, recommend the adoption of the following orders For the  
 Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman. Ordered: That instructions be



given by the Port and City Physicians to the Harbor Master and Pilots 591  
of Boston, that all vessels arriving in this Harbor from Baltimore Sep. 17, 1855  
or any port South thereof be taken to Deer Island to be examined by  
the Port Physician. This order to continue in force until the twentieth  
of October next. ~~and all vessels arriving from foreign~~  
Ports, having any immigrants on board, be taken into Quarantine  
for examination by the Port Physician, and that the Harbor Master  
be directed to return to Quarantine any vessel with such immigrants  
which has not a certificate of discharge signed by the Port Physician.  
Read, accepted and the orders passed.

Alderman Cooke submitted to Library.

the Board the following preamble and resolve - viz: Whereas the an- Grand Lodge  
cient and honored institution of Free Masons has for and recognises  
the Supreme Architect of the Universe as its Chief Corner Stone and in  
all ages from the building of Solomon's Temple that body has officiated  
or taken part in the laying of corner stones for public buildings, and  
whereas said institution is christian and charitable and in no way  
or manner tends to promote infidelity and takes no part in political  
questions and whereas no expressed opinion of any gentleman of the  
Commission or City Council has been given adverse to the observance  
of this time honored ceremony Therefore, it is resolved on the part of  
this Board, that His Honor the Mayor having charge of the invita-  
tions, be and he hereby is requested to invite the attendance of the  
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts with such as the  
Grand Master may desire in an official capacity to be present and  
take part in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Public  
Library. Read and adopted.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty fourth day of September, Anno Domini, 1855.

(Present,

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Dunham, Gardin, Woodman and Messinger.

Garner

Petition of Henry G. Garner for a license to keep an Intelligence Office. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Map: Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Hospital.

Petition of the Massachusetts General Hospital that the city would construct the sidewalk in Allen Street and Blossom Street, around said Institution with brick. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Emerson.

Petition of Mary Emerson that a post recently removed from the corner of Snowhill Street and Cleveland Place may be restored; of William H. Bird and others that a plank sidewalk may be laid in Hanson, Waltham and Ringgold Streets, adjoining City land; of Donald M<sup>r</sup> Kay and others, that White Street, between Brooks and Tinton Streets, may be accepted; of John Tyler that East Castle Street may be repaired; of Jeremiah Brown and others that M. Street, near their estates may be graded. - Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Bent.

Communication of Adam Bent concerning the grade of streets at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Loring  
Shalluck.

Petition of Caleb G. Loring & Co for leave to construct coal holes in Congress Street; of George A. Shalluck for leave to construct coal holes in Hanover St. - Ref<sup>d</sup> to the Com<sup>ee</sup> on Paving.



Petition of Moses Williams and 393.

others, for leave to open a portion of India, Bread, Well, and Custom House Streets for the purpose of "boxing" round their stores. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Sep. 24. 1856. Williams

Petition of Poller and Lemmon Poller

and others, that "City Wharf" may be numbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of George Parker for permis Parker.

sion to change the burners on the street lamps in Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of E. W. Milliken and others Milliken.

officers of the Boston Fire Department, for permission to take an Engine to the Springfield muster on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, with full power.

Petition of Daniel Safford and Safford.

others in aid of the appointment of John A. Vinton as Superintendent of Fire Alarms. Referred to the Committee on Fire Alarms. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

Petition of Mary McCarly to be McCarly.

paid for personal injuries sustained by her son Dennis McCarly on South Boston Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

Petition of Erastus Rugg and Rugg

others of Indiana, for the delivery of agricultural implements to them without the limits of the City. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

Petition of S. Young for use of  
 Sep. 24, 1855. Faneuil Hall September 27<sup>th</sup> for a meeting of citizens on the sub-  
 ject of Market monopolies. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil  
 Hall with full power.

Cross Street.  
 Princeton Street.  
 Sowers.  
 The Superintendent of Sowers pre-  
 sented to the Board a bill of agreement for construction of com-  
 mon sewers in Cross Street, and in Princeton Street, west of Brooks  
 Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers &c.

Hawkins  
 Street.  
 No person appearing to object to the  
 proposed discontinuance of a portion of Hawkins Street, said subject  
 was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Intra-mural  
 interments.  
 A communication from the Mayor  
 on the subject of Intra-mural interments and recommending  
 the repeal of the orders of the Board dated March 14, 1853. and Oc-  
 tober 9, 1854. inasmuch as they are somewhat antagonistic to the  
 Act of the Legislature, was read and referred to the Committee on  
 Cemeteries.

Bates.  
 Public Library.  
 A communication from the Mayor  
 covering a letter from Joshua Bates, Esq. of London, dated Sept. 6, 1855.  
 tendering to the City a further donation of Books for the use of the  
 Public Library was read and referred to the Trustees and Commit-  
 tee on the Public Library. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 4. Came up  
 concurred.

Bates.  
 Thanks to.  
 Alderman Joy offered to the Board  
 the following resolve Resolved: That the thanks of the City Coun-  
 cil of Boston be and they are hereby tendered to Joshua Bates, Es-  
 quire, of London, for the kindly interest in the prosperity of this



city and especially the Public Library as expressed in his letter of the 595.  
with respect to his honor the Mayor and for the good wishes therein  
manifested for the success of that institution. Read and referred to the  
Trustees and Committee on the Public Library. Sent down for concu-  
rence. Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the thanks of the Winthrop  
City Council be presented to the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop and to His Hon-  
or the Mayor for their addresses at the laying of the corner stone of the Mayor.  
Public Library Building, and that the addresses with an account  
of the proceedings and such other matter as may be deemed proper  
be printed under the direction of the Committee of arrangements. Sent  
down for concurrence.

The Mayor nominated to the Board Constables  
William Blaisdell and others as Constables of this City. Read and  
laid on the table. (vide nomination recorded in Book of Officers.)

Notice was received from the Middlesex  
Clerk of the Middlesex Rail Road Company that said company had Rail Road.  
accepted the location of said road as determined by this Board, Sept  
14<sup>th</sup> last. Read and placed on file.

George Adams, who with his As- State  
sistant Sectors, was appointed to take a census of the Inhabitants of Census.  
this City on the first day of June last submitted to the Board his re-  
port thereon, containing the various items of information required  
by the Act of May 31, 1855, entitled "An Act to secure a Decennial  
census" - from which report it appears that the whole number of inhabi-  
tants on said first day of June last was One hundred and sixty three  
and five hundred and eight. Read, and said Census was ordered  
to be certified to the Secretary of State.

On the petition of Thomas No-

Sep. 21, 1855: len for leave to open a cellar doorway at N. 44, E. Street, the Com-  
Nolen. mittee on Paving reported that no action is required thereon. Accepted.

Coal  
Weigher

Joseph M. Wombs resigned his

office as a Weigher of Coal in this City. Read and accepted.

Freeman  
Faneuil Hall.

On petition of William Freeman and others for use of Faneuil Hall, Sep. 25<sup>th</sup> for a public meeting, the Com- mittee on Faneuil Hall reported in favor of granting the same. Ac- cepted.

Johnson.

On petition of Caleb S. Johnson Ordered: Portland Street. That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the abutters on Portland Street, between Thaxter and Causeway Streets, to have their sidewalks laid with brick within seven days from the date of this order, and if the same is not complied with at the expiration of the above men- tioned period the Superintendent of Streets is directed to cause the same to be laid at the expense of the several abutters.

Police.

The nominations of Samuel Jenkins, and Isaac H. Williams for appointment on the Police were approved by the Board.

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor, Samuel A. Stavy and Moses Briggs were appointed on the Police.

Howard  
Athenaeum.

Agreeably to the report of the Commit- tee on Licenses a license was granted to J. M. Field and T. Placide to open the Howard Athenaeum.



Ordered: That the Superin

tendent of Streets be authorized to widen the roadway of Beverly Street between Marlborough and Thawse Streets. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 25. 1855.

Ordered: That so much of West

the order passed Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1855. for repaving West Street from the stable to Washington Street be and the same hereby is rescinded, and the Superintendent of Streets is authorized to repave said portion of West Street with Nicholson's pavement, provided the abutters have agreed to pay a further sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars towards the expense of said repaving with Nicholson's pavement, making the whole sum to be contributed by the abutters Fourteen hundred and fifty dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 25. 1855.

Whereas in pursuance of an

order which passed this Board on the ninth day of April 1855. a common sewer has been constructed in Congress Street south of Purchase Street, three fourths the cost whereof amounting to two hundred and seventy dollars and six cents has been assessed upon the estates of Samuel May and Caleb G. Loring Esq (for whose benefit the common sewer was laid) therefore, Ordered: That after said assessments shall have been paid, and whenever any new entries shall be made into said common sewer from any of the estates abutting on the line of the same, the amount which they shall be held to pay and which shall be determined by the City shall be collected and forthwith be paid over to said Samuel May, and Caleb G. Loring Esq in just proportion. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 25.

1855.

Sep. 21. 1855. en that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into  
 Marsh consideration the expediency of extending the Common Sewer in South  
 South Williams Williams Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who  
 and may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or  
 who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby;  
 Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Stimpson

On petition of H. & F. Stimpson  
 that the Board would approve of their new Coal Hole protector, the  
 Committee on Paving reported, that, inasmuch as the whole sub-  
 ject has been placed in the hands of the Committee on Paving, no ac-  
 tion is required by the Board thereon. Accepted.

Friend  
 Street

Alderman Topliff offered the follow-  
 ing Whereas, in the opinion of this Board the safety and conveni-  
 ence of the inhabitants require that such portions of Friend Street  
 as were taken July 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from the heirs of Thomas Kepen, Hen-  
 ry Beal, James Davis, heirs of Nathaniel Alley, G. E. Robinson, William  
 Minct, trustee, John Tupper, Moses Grant, Jonathan Parker, and the  
 Fifty Associates, should be discontinued as a highway, it is therefore  
 hereby Ordered: That due notice be given to the parties hereinbefore  
 named and to all other persons interested that this Board intend to  
 discontinue said portions of Friend Street and that Monday next  
 at four o'clock, P.M., be assigned as the time for hearing any objec-  
 tions which may be made thereto. Read and laid on the table.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.



At a Special meeting of the 599.

Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on  
Friday the Twenty eighth day of September, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Durham,  
Sardin, Isaac Heflinger, and Woodman.

Daniel Prescott was appointed

led a Coal Weigher.

Coal  
Weigher.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of  
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the  
First day of October, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Drew,  
Woodman and Cooke.

Petition of George W. Low to be

paid for land taken to widen Hanover Street. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Streets.

Petition of Henry Faxon for

leave to move a wooden building from M. Street to Second Street.

Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of J. Borland and others

that River Street may be accepted; of Thomas B. Wiggins & others,

Borland  
Wiggins

600. that Fifth Street may be graded between K. & L. Streets; of W. A. Nicksen, and others to be paid for change of grade in G. Street. Referred to the committee on Paving.

Petition of W. D. Pulfrey for leave to exhibit the different races of dogs at the Southern section of the City. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of George E. Streeter for leave to exhibit dogs in car of No. 35, and 32, Washington Road. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of James M. Dermott for abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in A. Street; of John Borland and others for a sewer in River Street; of Andrew S. Burke, and others that the common sewer in Monmouth Street may be extended. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Independent Boston Fusiliers for use of Faneuil Hall, Oct. 9, 1855. wherein to give a dinner &c. - of Thomas J. Shelton and others for use of Faneuil Hall November 5, 1855. for a political meeting; - of George I. Stearns and others for use of Faneuil Hall Nov<sup>r</sup> 5, 1855. for a political meeting. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Petition of George P. Field for appointment as Superintendent of the Farms. Read and sent down.

Petition of Henry S. McKean and of James Slade severally for appointment as City Engineer. Read & sent down.



Petition of James N. Ham. 601.

mend for leave to give an exhibition on land belonging to the City. Oct. 1. 1835.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.  
Oct. 4. Came up concurred.

Petition of A. J. Hamill for abate. Hamill.

ment of a portion of his Water Tax for 1835. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 1. Came up concurred.

A communication from the Mayor Town

or recommending that for reasons therein stated, the first volume Records  
of the Town records be copied for the better preservation of the same, was  
read and referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

The elections of a City Engineer Engineer.

and of a Superintendent of Fire Arms were postponed, after a dis- Fire Arms  
cussion thereupon, for one week - and the elections of a Superintendent Alt. Ward No:  
of Ancient Birmingham - James Judge, and of a Water Engineer for Water Engineer.  
cially assigned for this day, were laid on the table.

No person appearing to object to South

the proposed construction of a Sewer in South Williams Street, the sub- Williams  
ject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power. Street.

On petitions of George G. Shalluck Shalluck.

and of Caleb G. Loring No: for leave to construct coal holes in Hanover Loring.  
and Congress Streets: the Committee on Paving reported that the  
petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Oct. 1. 1835. On petition of Edward L. Gueby  
Gueby. for a common sewer in connection of a drain in Sister  
Sister Street, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw.  
Accepted.

Williamore  
and others  
Channing  
Street.  
On petition of John Williamore, Jr.  
and others that the Sister Street drain may be lowered, the Com-  
mittee on Sewers reported, that the Channing Street sewer be lower-  
ed provided the petitioners will pay three fourths the cost of the same,  
and that they have liberty to lower the drain in Sister Street, which  
is a private way, at their own expense. Read and accepted.

Sumner.  
On petition of F. A. Sumner and others,  
for a common sewer in Shawmut Avenue, between Canton and  
Dedham Streets, the Committee on Sewers reported, that the prayer of  
the petitioners be granted provided they will agree to pay three fourths  
of the cost of the common sewer. Accepted.

Appleton  
and others.  
On petition of William Appleton and  
others. Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on  
Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expedi-  
ency of constructing a common sewer in Commercial Street be-  
tween Clinton and Richmond Streets and of apportioning the expense  
thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into  
such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall re-  
ceive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will  
then and there be heard.

Scute.  
On petition of Richard Scute and others,  
that the cess pool in Mills Court may be enlarged, the Committee on  
Sewers reported that as said Court is a private way, the petitioners



have leave to withdraw.

Read and accepted. 603.

Oct. 1. 1855.

On petition of T. F. Raymond, the Raymond  
Committee on Sewers reported the assessment for the share in Cross Cross Street,  
Street as correct, and recommended that a bill be made out for the  
amount and lodged with the City Treasurer for collection. Accepted.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Princeton  
this Board, passed on the Third day of September 1855. public notice Street.  
being given that a sewer has been constructed in Princeton Street, the cost of which was Five hundred and fifty  
dollars and eighty eight cents, one quarter part thereof being assessed  
ed, to be paid by the said City, there remains Four hundred & thirteen  
dollars <sup>two</sup> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according  
to law: It is therefore, Ordered; that the persons named in the sched-  
ule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they  
hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their  
respective names as their proportional part of the expense of the said  
sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof  
given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the  
Mayor, Oct. 2. 1855.

Agreeably to the report of the Com- Intelligence  
mittee on Licenses, Henry G. Garner was licensed to keep an Intelli- office.  
gence Office at 441 Merrimac Street.

The list of Constables nominated Constables  
by the Mayor at the last meeting of the Board was taken from the ta-  
ble and the following nominations were confirmed by the Board, viz.  
William Blissdell, William H. Brown, William Calder, Silas Carleton,  
Derastus Clapp, Rufus R. Cook, Isaac A. Coolidge, Daniel B. Curtis, Benja-

604. min Heath, Truchaus Holmes, Frederick P. Ingalls, John T. Lawton, He-  
Oct. 1, 1855. rum Merrill, Thomas F. Migner, William Munroe, John G. Paltee,  
David Patterson, James Pierce, Ebez Pratt, William J. Reed, James P. Rice,  
Thomas M. Smith, Charles Smith, Oliver H. Spurr, Henry Taylor, Jacob C.  
Tallant, Samuel T. Vialle, William Whitwell, William H. Jones, George W.  
Tuckerman, David M. R. Dow, Robert E. Keith, George B. Dexter, John P.  
Lynch. The remainder of the list nominated by the Mayor was  
referred to the Committee on Police to examine and report thereon.

Mayor's Weigher.

On nomination by the Mayor,  
Warren Jenness was appointed a Weigher and Inspector of Bundle  
May.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, George  
W. Curtis was appointed a Police Officer for the especial purpose of  
aiding and assisting foreign immigrants.

Constables.

On nomination by the Mayor, John G.  
N. Taylor, Eben F. Gay, Alexander Hopkins, Moses Buff, Ephraim  
Eliot, and Henry Nichols, they being deputy collectors of the City and  
County Treasurer, were appointed Constables of the City.

Houses of  
Industry &  
Correction.

Reports of the Superintendent of the  
House of Industry, and of the Master of the House of Correction, stat-  
ing the character of the inmates of these Institutions for the quarter  
ending Sep. 30, 1855. Read and placed on file.

Police  
Report

Report of the Chief of Police shewing  
the number and character of the arrests made by him during the  
quarter ending Oct. 1, 1855. Read & sent down. In Com. Council placed on file.



The report of the Superintendent 605

of Streets showing the expenditures and receipts in his department Oct. 1, 1855, during the last quarter. Read and sent down. In Common Council, Streets placed on file.

The report of the Superintendent Health.

of Health upon the receipts and expenditures in his department during the last quarter. Read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

A communication was received Streets in

from the Committee on Public Lands proposing to surrender to the care of the Board of Aldermen the following named streets. Groton, Hanson, Waltham, Chelsea, Brookline, Pembroke, Newton, Rutland, Concord, Worcester, Springfield, Northampton, Curriden, Chester, Chester Square, Union Park. Read and referred to the Committee on Paving. Southern section.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police Commercial

be directed to notify the owners of the estates on Commercial Street on the northerly corner of Sargent's Wharf, to lay their sidewalks with brick within seven days, and if at the expiration of that period the same is not laid, the Superintendent of Streets is directed to cause the said sidewalks to be laid and the expense thereof charged to said owners. Street.

The Committee on County Ac = Town

counts to whom was referred the communication of His Honor the Records.

Mayor referring the matter to the Committee on Finance, and the same

records, have considered the subject and duly consulting with

the Mayor in the expediency of copying the said records recom-

mend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee,

G. W. Messinger, Chairman. Ordered: That the first volume of the

606. Turn Records of Boston be legibly copied upon parchment or substantial paper under the direction of the Committee on County Accounts, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for that department. Read, accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 2. 1855.

Hack fares.

Ordered: That Section fifteen of the regulations respecting Hackney Carriages passed June 27. 1855 (as recorded on page 424) be and the same is hereby repealed; and that the rate of fare for Hackney Carriages re. passed by this Board, April 16. 1855, be substituted in lieu thereof.

Intra-mural

The Committee on Cemeteries, to whom was referred the communication of His Honor the Mayor, recommending the rescinding of certain orders of the Board forbidding interments in certain cemeteries and burial grounds - having reviewed the whole subject, would respectfully recommend the passage of the following order: For the Committee, G. W. Messenger, Chairman. Ordered: That the orders of the Board of Health passed March 11, 1853. and October 9<sup>th</sup> 1854. whereby interments were forbidden in certain cemeteries and burial grounds therein mentioned, without permission of the Mayor, be and they are hereby rescinded and declared to be null and void after this date. Accepted and the order passed, and the City Clerk was directed to give notice to the counsel of the appellants from said orders; of the passage of this order. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 1. 1855.

Boylston

Street  
encroachments

Ordered: That the City Solicitor under the direction of the Committee on Claims be instructed to investigate whether any corporations or persons have violated any contracts with the City of Boston by the actual or proposed use or occupation of territory on or near Boylston Street extended, with authority to prosecute for



lies who may have violated the City's rights, and to prevent future 607  
encroachments, and to arrange and adjust any differences respect-  
ing such contracts, to the end that controversies may not arise here-  
after. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred. Approved  
by the Mayor, Oct. 13. 1855.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board  
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the seventh  
day of October, Anno Domini, 1855.

Turn,

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Banker and Carpenter. Banker.

for leave to erect and run a Steam Engine at 107 109 State Street. Referred  
to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Petition of Francis Oliver for re- Oliver

moval of Hack stands from the corner of North and Fleet Streets. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of J. S. Richardson for li- Richardson

cence for an Industrial Exhibition at Gore Block. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Salem T. Lumb and Lumb.

others that the owners of estates Nos 29. and 30. India Street may be India Street.

608. required to comply with the order of this Board dated June 5, 1855. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.  
Oct. 8, 1855.

Curtis. Petition of George Curtis for leave to exhibit a Panorama at the Melodeon. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Fisk Petition of Asa Fisk for leave to move a wooden building from Friend Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Spring Petition of Ellis Gray Spring and others, that Rochester Street may be accepted. Referred to the Committee on Paving.  
Rochester Street.

Hedman Remonstrance of Josiah Hedman and others and of Dorcas Hay severally against the proposed erection of Bowling Alley by George C. Steedler in rear of 550 Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.  
Hay.  
Steeler.

Cole Petition of Morrill Cole and others, that the East Boston Burial may be exempted from the order of the Board. Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries.  
Burial.

Pierce Petition of Carlos Pierce and others for the use of Faneuil Hall this evening wherein to hold a political meeting, was read and the prayer of the petitioners was granted by the Board.  
Faneuil Hall.

Auctioneers On nomination by the Mayor, Samuel Whitwell and William N. Justins were appointed Auctioneers of the city.

Port The report of the Port Physician for the quarter ending Sep. 30, 1855, showing that he had received and  
Physician.



paid into the City Treasury One hundred and sixty eight dollars for  
inspection of vessels at Quarantine was read and sent down. In  
Common Council, placed on file. Oct. 8, 1855

The Reports of the Inspectors of Bu-  
list for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1855 were read and sent down. In  
Common Council, placed on file. Bu-  
list

The Reports of the Officers charged  
with the care and custody of Truant Children for the quarter ending  
Sept. 30, 1855 were read and placed on file. Truant  
Officers.

The Report of the Superintendent  
of Public Lands for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1855, was read and sent  
down. In Common Council. Placed on file. Superintendent.

The Common Council having re-  
ferred the order to pay the Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances  
four hundred and sixty five dollars, which order passed this Board  
August 27<sup>th</sup> last, to the Committee on Ordinances, and action came up  
for concurrence. Read and non-concurred. Ordinances

The Common Council  
having amended the order of this Board dated Sept. 24, respecting a  
vote of thanks to the Hon. R. C. Winthrop &c. by inserting at A. "and to  
the Rev. Drs. Gannett and Kirk, the young ladies of the Normal School  
and their Director Mr. Southard" said action came up for concurrence.  
Read and non-concurred. - Yea. - Aldermen Dunham and Woodbury, 2.  
Nays. Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Gould, Fry, Messinger, Sprague, Top-  
piff, Washburn, and Woodman - 10. Winthrop &c  
thanks to.

The Common Council having re-  
ferred the order of this Board dated August 27<sup>th</sup> last, respecting the  
sale of the North City Wharf, to a Joint Special Committee consisting  
North  
only May

610 of Messrs Marble, Puttee and Jepson, with such as this Board might  
Oct. 8. 1855 join, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and  
Aldermen Messinger and Woodman were joined.

Bridges

The Common Council having referred to the Committee on Ordinances the Ordinance in relation to Bridges which passed this Board July 16<sup>th</sup> last, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Fire Dept.  
Camphene.

The Common Council having referred to the Committee on Ordinances the Ordinances in relation to the Fire Department, and to Camphene, which passed this Board July 24<sup>th</sup> last, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Fire  
Field.

The Common Council having referred to the Committee on Fire Alarms the petitions of Edward C. Rogers and of George P. Field, for appointment as Superintendent of Fire Alarms, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

East Boston  
Free Bridge.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute in behalf of the City a contract with the East Boston Free Bridge Corporation, to be approved by the City Solicitor, whereby it shall be agreed that the said East Boston Free Bridge Corporation shall build or cause to be built to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and a Joint Special Committee of the City Council, a ~~new~~ bridge not less than 100 feet in width a portion of which to be made solid across and over Chelsea Creek pursuant to the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to establish the East Boston Free Bridge" passed May 15. 1855. and that when said East Boston Free Bridge Company shall release to the City by a clear and perfect title



the said Bridge in a complete and finished condition, which shall be satisfactory to the City Engineer and a Joint Special Committee to be appointed for that purpose and will also guarantee to save the said City harmless and indemnified from any and all claims for damages from change of grade and for any and all land damages at the termini and from any and all damages that may arise or be caused to any party or parties whatsoever by the building of said bridge or from any and all claims for labor and materials used in the construction of said bridge than the said City of Boston will pay to the said Boston Bridge Corporation the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars. A. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 35. Nays 14. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Durham, Gould, Joy, Messinger, Sprague, Washburn, Woodberry, and Woodman. 11. Nay, Alderman Topliff. 1. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 11, 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to Robt. Cowdin. at Cowdin the sum of one hundred and forty Two dollars for materials purchased by the Superintendent of Streets and Quaint the same having been duly approved by the Chairman of the Committee on that Department. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, October 11, 1855.

Ordered: That the various Committees who employed Mr. Samuel Hatch, a member of this Board, to sell at Auction in August and September last certain pieces of Real Estate situated in East Boston and South Boston and on South Cedar, Marion and Church Streets be authorized to allow and approve for payment his Bills for commissions and other expenses attending said sales, provided they are satisfied with the charges made in the same. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.

612. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, October 11. 1855.

Oct. 8. 1855.

Chestbrough.

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be and they hereby are tendered to Mr. E. L. Chestbrough for the efficient and highly satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of City Engineer. In Common Council. Passed unanimously. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred unanimously. Approved by the Mayor, October 11. 1855.

Shepp.

Sunday News.

Ballou.

Ordered: That the Committee on the celebration of the fourth of July last be authorized to allow and approve for payment the following bills for advertising in papers not patronized by the City, the programme of the Day including the Regatta - viz: - William H. Croft in the Evening Gazette - Sunday - Nov 20. - 11. 11. Ballou in his Pictorial - #10. = #82. - Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 11. 1855.

Cornell.

Ordered: That the sum of twenty nine dollars be paid to W. M. Cornell for services rendered as set forth in the accompanying bill and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 11. 1855.

Commercial  
Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a Common Sewer in Commercial Street near City Wharf, said Subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers, with full power.

Richardson

New York

Central R.R.

resumed the consideration of the subject of the damages sustained by Thomas Richardson by the location of the Boston and New York



Central Rail Road over his property in Boston, and he heard granted b13.  
and leave to the petitioner to amend his petition as prayed for by him - Oct. 8. 1855.  
after which the further consideration of the subject was postponed to  
Thursday next at four o'clock, P.M. At this meeting there were pres-  
ent as before David Thayer, Esq. counsel for the petitioner and S. W.  
Bates, Esq. counsel for the New York Central Rail Road Company, and  
Messrs Turnum and Crane, Mortgagees.

The Committee on to whom was Twitchell  
referred the petition of G. M. A. Twitchell and others respecting the repairs East Boston  
on East Boston and Chelsea Free Bridge have attended to the sub- Chelsea  
ject and respectfully report: that the state of the Bridge required Free Bridge  
the immediate attention of your Committee. Accordingly they caused  
all that portion of the Bridge which lies within the territory of this  
city to be rebuilt and made safe for public travel - leaving the remain-  
der of said Bridge which lies within the precincts of Chelsea to be re-  
paired by the authorities of that Town. Your Committee therefore ask  
to be discharged from any further care of the subject. For the Commit-  
tee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving, who Metropolitan  
were directed to report a plan of grade and gauge for the tracks of Rail Road  
the Metropolitan Rail Road within the streets of this city, having grade & gauge  
caused an examination of those streets to be made through which  
said road has been located, report the following order. For the Com-  
mittee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the grade of the track  
of the Metropolitan Railroad shall be the same as that of the sever-  
al streets through which said track has been located by this Board,  
and in the streets where the double track is laid the outer rail of each  
track shall be not less than nine feet six inches distant from the

611.  
Oct. 8. 1855. curb-stone, and where a single track is laid the outer rail shall be not less than twelve feet and three inches from the opposite curb-stone (except where curves shall be necessary at the corners of the streets) The gauge of the tracks shall be four feet eight and a half inches in width: the rails of the same size and pattern as those now in use on the Third Avenue Rail Road in New York City. The method of construction to be similar to that adopted on the railroads in the City of New York, and the whole work to be done subject to the directions and to the satisfaction of the Board of Aldermen and the Superintendent of Streets. Accepted and the order passed. Approved by the Mayor, October 10. 1855

Alexander. : On petition of N. N. Alexander and others  
Sumner St: that Sumner Street be graded from Cottage Street to Belmont Square, the Committee on Paving reported that Sumner Street has been graded and the gutters paved under an order of the Board of Aldermen, the abutments having agreed as within to pay for the edgestones. Accepted

Hearns. : Agreeably to the reports of the Committee  
Shelton, on Council Hall, the use of the said Hall was granted to Henry A.  
Fusileers. Snow and others for Oct. 9. 1855. - to George I. Stearns and others for Nov. 3.  
Council Hall. and to Thomas J. Shelton and others for Nov. 5. 1855 on the usual conditions.

Palfrey : On petition of William D. Palfrey, for  
leave to exhibit Dogs at the southern section of the City on the Public Lands, the Committee on Licenses reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Constables : The Bonds of the following named  
bonds Constables were approved by the Board - viz: Samuel S. Hall, Benjamin Hall, Jacob C. Tallant, Robert E. Keith, Thomas L. Migner, Wm. H.



Brown, David Patterson, Tho<sup>s</sup> M. Smith, Silas Waruton, Gaby Hull, 615  
 William Blaisden, William Gilder, Frederick P. Ingalls, William M. Oct. 8. 1855  
 James Thomas Holmes, George W. Tuckerman, Gerastus Clapp, Henry  
 Tyler, Isaac A. Lededge, Daniel B. Curtis, George B. Lyster, Eben. T. Gay,  
 James P. Rice, John G. Taylor, Henry Nichols, James Pierce, Ephraim  
 L. Elliot, Alexander Hopkins, Moses Bass, William Munroe, William J. Reed,  
 Clara A. Spear, Harum Merrill, John C. Butler, John T. Lawton, Rufus A.  
 Cook, William Whitwell, Charles Smith, Edwin Rice.

Richard B. Bell was appointed a coal weigher.  
 coal weigher for the City of Boston.

On petition of James M<sup>c</sup> Dermott, in abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in A. Street, the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.  
 Accepted.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Police, the nominations of the following Constables were confirmed by the Board, viz: Edward J. Jones, Henry C. Stutton, James C. Spear, Isaac Pierce, Luther Mutchins, Charles H. Lennie, Elisha V. Glover, John C. Harrington, John C. Feighten, Elijah K. Spoor

The Committee on Streets to whom was recommended the order of notice respecting the widening of Commercial Street by taking land of Joseph H. Rice, reported that no further action thereon is necessary at the present time. Accepted.

The Committee on Institutions on the part of this Board to whom was referred the petition of the Overseers of the House of Correction, that a sufficient number of cells be constructed.

616. in the House of Correction for labor and confinement, reported, that  
Oct. 8, 1855: the subject belongs more properly to the Committee on Public Buildings  
and they recommend its reference to the Committee on that subject  
on the part of this Board. Accepted and referred accordingly.

Mount

On the petition of N. Hunt & Co for re-  
moval of wagons from Devonshire Street, the Committee on Licenses af-  
ter hearing the parties again report that the petitioners have leave to with-  
draw. Accepted.

At: the

for Bridge

The ballots having been taken and  
counted for a Superintendent of Mount Washington Avenue Bridge, it  
appeared that James W. Heathcote Jr. was elected. Sent down for concu-  
rence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred.

Librarian.

The ballots having been taken and  
counted for a Librarian for the Public Library, it appeared that Edward  
Lapen was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concu-  
red.

Burke.

Monmouth  
Street.

Ordered: That due notice be given  
that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into  
consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Mon-  
mouth Street and of apportioning the expense thereof on all persons who may  
enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any  
more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby; Any person  
making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Bailey.

Petition of George H. Bailey for ap-  
pointment as City Engineer was read and sent down.



The Ballots having been taken 617.

and counted for a City Engineer it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. James Hade had 8. Henry A. McKeon 4. Mr. Hade was therefore elected. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 10. Came up concurred. City Engineers.

Petition of William T. Davis, and Lewis of Edward W. Hinks severally for appointment as Water Registrar, were read and sent down. Hinks.

The ballots having been taken & counted and balls again it appeared that the whole number of votes was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William Davis had 8. Edward W. Hinks 4. William Davis was therefore elected. Sent down for concurrence. Second count having been taken it appeared that the whole number of votes was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William Davis had 8. Edward W. Hinks 4. William Davis was therefore elected. Sent down for concurrence. Copy of the report of the City Engineer.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Fire Alarms it appeared that Joseph B. Stearns was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred. Fire Alarms. Supt.

On petition of Thomas B. Wiggins and others that Fifth street may be graded between K. and L. streets. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Fifth Street between M. street and K. street. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 10, 1855. Wiggins Fifth Street.

On petition of M. Lane & others. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade three hundred feet in length of Orleans Street, easterly of Maverick Lane. Lane

St. Street. Approved by the Mayor, October 10. 1855

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Davis.

Alderman Cooke submitted the fol-

Water Registrar. lowing. Whereas this Board this day chose William F. Davis as a citizen of Boston, as Water Registrar and whereas it appears to this Board that Davis is not a citizen of Boston and was not eligible to the office it is therefore Ordered, that the record of his election be expunged and that this Board proceed to an election to fill the vacancy, it not having been filled by the ballot on the part of this Board. The Ayes and Nays being required on the passage of this order, the Ayes were 4 and the Nays 5. Aldermen Cook, Smith, Deane, Smith, Burn, and Woodberry. 5 Nays. Aldermen Bowdin, Drew, Dunham, Joy, Sprague, Topliff and Woodman. 7. So said order was rejected. On motion of Alderman Dunham the City Clerk was directed to withhold the certificate of his election until after the next meeting of this Board.

Whitcomb

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be

Meridian Street. authorized to abate the amount of One hundred and forty one dollars and thirty seven cents assessed against Levi L. Whitcomb for constructing sidewalk in front of his estate on Meridian Street, provided he gives a bond of relinquishment of all claims for damages in consequence of any change of grade of said Meridian and Suraboga Streets. Approved by the Mayor, October 10. 1855.

Police Court

Ordered: That the salary of the

3<sup>d</sup> Asst Clerk Third Assistant Clerk of the Police Court shall be at the rate of Six hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 12. 1855.



The Committee to whom was 619.

referred by the City Council the letter of Joshua Bates Esq. dated Feb. 6, 1855, in relation to purchase and present to the Public Library a considerable number of books in trust for the inhabitants generally, ask leave, unanimously, to report the following Resolutions, expressing the sense of the City Government in relation to this new act of Mr. Bates's munificence. In behalf of the Committee, Robert Cowdin, Chairman. Resolved: That in the letter of Joshua Bates, Esq. addressed to His Honor the Mayor and dated Feb. 6, 1855, the City Government recognize the same wise and munificent spirit and the same generous interest in the prosperity and honor of the City of Boston to which they have heretofore acknowledged the obligations of this whole community and that they now accept this new trust on the liberal terms in which it is offered by him. Resolved: That the Mayor be desired to request Mr. Bates, in the name of the City of Boston, to sit for his bust in marble or bronze, at his pleasure, and to any artist he may select, in order that it may be placed in the building of the Public Library as an enduring memorial of the City's obligations and gratitude. Resolved: That the Mayor be requested to communicate these resolves to Mr. Bates, and that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to draw on the City Treasury for any monies that may be needed to carry the same into effect. Passed unanimously. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred unanimously. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 13, 1855.

On motion of Alderman Joy.

Ordered: That the letter of Mr. Bates referred to in the foregoing resolves together with copies of the action of the City Council thereon be deposited with the Trustees of the Public Library for their information and further action. Sent down for concurrence. October 11. Came

620 up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, October 13, 1855.

Oct. 8, 1855.

Village  
Albion  
Streets

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Village Street and Albion Street should be extended, it is therefore hereby Rescinded as ordered, That due notice be given to W. Gardiner and to all other parties interested that this Board intend to extend the streets before mentioned, by taking a part of the land of the said Gardiner, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday the fifteenth day of October current at four o'clock, PM, is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

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Convention.

Ordered: That a message be sent proposed to the Common Council proposing a Convention of both branches of the City Council on Thursday evening next at eight o'clock for the purpose of determining the number of Representatives which it is expedient to send to the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

Nowell.

Ordered: That there be paid to G. & C. Nowell the sum of Seven hundred and ninety five dollars and twenty seven cents in full up to Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> for the materials furnished and services rendered the City, as set forth in the accompanying statement, provided the Bills are duly approved by the various Committees under whose direction the expenditures were made. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred. Oct. 13, 1855. Approved by the Mayor.

Land

Washington  
Parade Ground

Alderman Gowdin offered the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Public Lands be requested to take into consideration the propriety of laying out and dedicating



the track of land now being enclosed in the United States. typical 621  
land, "air" and lying between Morrison Avenue and Albany Street Oct. 8 1855:  
for one of the Public Squares of the City and to be named the Washing-  
ton Parade Ground. Read and laid on the table.

Alderman Washburn called up Friend  
from the table the order of notice proposing a discontinuance of Friend Street.  
Street as recently extended to Union Street, and after requesting the  
Board to visit the street on Thursday next at three o'clock, P.M. the  
subject was relaid on the table.

Alderman Bowdin called up from Kneeland  
the table the resolve and order for the discontinuance of a portion of Street.  
Kneeland Street and he moved their adoption by the Board: but  
Alderman Dunham moved that the subject be specially assigned for  
Thursday next at twenty minutes to five P.M.

Ordered: That notice be given that Voters  
the Voting Lists for the several Wards of the City of Boston are now com- notice to  
pleted, and that copies of them may be seen at the room of the Board  
of Aldermen, at the office of the Assessors, City Hall, and one copy  
at or near the place of voting in each Ward: and requesting all le-  
gal voters of the City to see that their names are properly registered as  
such, and calling particularly upon the following persons to see if their  
names are correctly inserted - viz: Persons taxed in other wards than  
those in which they resided in May last: Persons taxed without their  
given names: Persons who have paid a tax assessed upon them with-  
in two years and who have been inhabitants of the City since the first  
of May last: Persons, inhabitants of the City, who have received no tax  
bill for 1855: Naturalized citizens: Persons who have reached their ma-

622 jointly since the first of May last. Those persons who have not paid a tax assessed upon them within two years have no right to vote. The Board of Aldermen will attend at their room City Hall, every day until the 15th day, to receive and enclose for the purpose of settling the names of all legal voters, which, through accident or mistake, may have been omitted. All persons, who wish to have their names corrected or inserted must bring their Tax bills with them.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Eleventh day of October, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Petition of

Madame Parodi.

Petition of Madame Parodi for leave to give concerts at the Music Hall of James Buffin for leave to give an exhibition of the Art of Self Defence. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



Petition of W. S. Richards for leave 623  
to move a wooden building from Roxbury line to Northampton Street. Oct. 11. 1835.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power. Richards.

Petition of Luther Stevens and Stevens  
others that Mount Vernon Avenue may be paved. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Paving.

Petition of the New England Ac. Female  
male Medical College that Washington Street be paved with wood. Med. College.  
near N<sup>o</sup> 274. in said street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Dexter Jay and sons Jay.  
and others that Pearl Street, between High and Purchase Streets, may Pearl Street.  
be widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Communication of Lucy D. Stan. Stanwood.  
wood and others / heirs of Eleazer Howard; respecting their claim  
for land taken to widen and extend Commercial Street in 1835. Refer-  
red to the Committee on Streets.

The Chairman of the Committee on Lands.  
Public Lands submitted to the Board a written statement that he has  
been unable from the increased number of the Joint Standing Com-  
mittee on Public Lands to obtain for the last several times they have  
been summoned even a quorum of the Committee. Read and sent  
down

The Committee on Public Build. House of  
ings on the part of this Board, to whom was referred the petition of Correction  
the Overseers of the House of Correction for an increase in the num-  
ber of bells for labor and confinement, reported in favor of an increase

624. in the appropriation for the House of Correction to the amount of  
Oct. 11. 1855. Ten thousand dollars in order to allow said construction of cells and  
certain other improvements to be made. Read and referred to the Com-  
mittee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

city  
Physician The City Physician submitted to the  
Board the report of the doings in his office for the quarter ending Sep.  
30. 1855. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

constables  
bonds The Bonds of the following named Con-  
stables were approved by the Board, viz: James E. Spear, Isaac Pierce, John  
C. Harrington, Elijah K. Spoor, John C. Seighton, Edward J. Jones, John P.  
Synch, Luther Hutchins, David M. R. Dow.

constables Agreeably to the report of the  
Committee on Police &c the nominations of the following Constables  
were confirmed by the Board, viz: William H. Mason, Albert G. Dawes,  
James Curtis, William Fairfield, Joseph W. Seighton.

Board of  
Improvements Ordered: That the Committee on  
Public Buildings on the part of this Board in conjunction with the  
Committee on Internal Health be and is hereby empowered and au-  
thorized with full power to make such changes in the basement of  
the Court House as may be deemed expedient for the accommoda-  
tion of prisoners, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for the  
County of Suffolk. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 13. 1855.

Sept. 1. A message was received from the Com-  
mon Council stating that that Branch concurred with this Board  
in the proposition to form a convention at eight A.M. to day for the



purpose of determining the number of Representatives it is expedient  
to send to the next General Court.

Dec. 11, 1835.

The Board resumed the consideration of Richardson

vs. the City of Boston. The petition of James Richardson, of the City of Boston, for  
the location of said road over the property held by him as mortgagee in Boston,  
Welcome Farnum and Edward Crane being mortgagors; David Thayer, Esq.  
appeared for the petitioner, and Samuel W. Bates, Esq. for the Railroad Company and the mortgagors. Mr.  
Bates for the respondents filed and read an answer of Messrs Crane  
and Farnum, as on file and marked B. wherein they state that  
they acted for the Company in the purchase and mortgage of said  
land and he moved that the petition be dismissed on the ground of  
the identity of said Farnum and Crane with the Railroad Com-  
pany. The case having been closed on both sides, the Board voted  
to view the premises on Monday next at 3 P.M. and at 4 1/2 P.M. to  
assess the amount of damages if any.

At the hour appointed the Convention

Board together with His Honor the Mayor and the Common Council  
assembled in Convention.

Mr. Plummer of Ward 7. Representative.

submitted the following. Resolved, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and  
Common Council in Convention assembled that it is expedient for  
the City to send Forty Four Representatives to the next General Court  
of this Commonwealth. Ordered: That the City Clerk be directed  
to publish this determination. Read and the resolve and order pass-  
ed. The business of the Convention having been accomplished the  
two branches separated, and the Board re-assembled at their room.  
Present - The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Drew.

Oct. 11. 1855. widening Streets to whom was referred the petition of David A. Simmons, Esq. (Report: That Walltham Street was extended to Washington Street by an order of the Board of Aldermen, passed on the Nineteenth day of April 1847. After describing the same by meets and bounds, it is laid out according to a plan of the said part of Walltham Street made by S. P. Fuller, surveyor, dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1847 and deposited in the office of said Mayor and Aldermen, which plan is numbered 13, in the ninth volume of the City Plans. The lines and the quantities of the several parcels of land belonging to sundry persons, taken into said street are particularly described on said Plan. Subsequently the several owners of the lands so taken conveyed their respective portions of the lands taken for said Street to the City of Boston by warranty deeds, and described the same as they are laid down on said plan, and also refer to the plan in each of their deeds, so that the City now has deeds of all the land taken for said Street as the same is laid down upon said plan of said part of Walltham Street, subject to be used for a Street only. Most, or all, of the monuments standing at the time of the passage of said resolve, to designate the lines of Walltham Street, have been removed, or so covered up, that at the present time it is difficult to ascertain the exact line of the street as it then was, and the buildings since erected do not exactly correspond with the lines of said Street as described by said plan; so that to run the lines by the present houses will not be in conformity to said plan. Your committee therefore recommend that the lines of Walltham Street, from Washington Street to the extent laid out by said resolves, be established and confirmed according to the deeds of the same to the City of Boston and the said plan made by S. P. Fuller dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1847, being plan numbered thirteen in the ninth volume of the City Plans.



Your Committee are satisfied that the City has paid David A. Simmons 627.  
for the full quantity of land taken from him for said Street, and Oct. 11, 1866.  
that he has a right to occupy his land up to the line described in  
his deed to the City of Boston dated Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1848, and recorded with Suffolk  
Deeds Lib. 595. fol. 154. We therefore recommend that said David  
A. Simmons have leave to withdraw his petition: and also the passage  
of the following resolve. For the Committee, G. T. Woodman, Chairman.  
Resolved: That the lines of Maltham Street as laid out by a Resolve  
of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed the nineteenth day of  
April, A. D. 1848, be established and confirmed as follows. Beginning  
at a point forty eight feet six inches northeasterly from the easterly  
corner of land conveyed by David A. Simmons to the City of Boston  
by deed dated October 5<sup>th</sup> 1848, which point is in the westerly line of Wash-  
ington Street, from thence running northwesterly by a straight line  
about two hundred and three feet six inches to the corner of a fence  
standing on said Maltham Street, this line being the northeasterly  
line of said street, and the southwesterly line to run parallel with  
said northeasterly line and fifty feet distant southwesterly therefrom,  
the same being according to the plan referred to in said resolve, and  
the several deeds of the land taken by said resolve for said street, to  
wit: the deed of William S. White and others recorded with Suffolk  
Deeds Lib. 594. fol. 72. the deed of Dudley Selden and others recorded  
with said deeds Lib. 591. fol. 73. the deed of George Bates and wife Lib.  
590. fol. 100. and the deed of David A. Simmons recorded with said  
deeds Lib. 595 fol. 154. Read, accepted and the resolve passed.

On motion of Alderman Cowdin Kneeland  
the resolve and order (as recorded on page 541) for the discontinuance Street.  
of a portion of Kneeland Street, were taken up and were adopted by the

628. following vote - Yeas Aldermen Bowdin, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Top-  
Oct. 11. 1855. off and Woodman 7. Nays Aldermen Cooke, Messinger, Washburn and  
Woodberry 4. (transmitted to the Mayor for approval Oct. 13. 1855)

Ordered: That the Superintendent  
of Streets forthwith put up in some conspicuous place near that part of  
notice as to its Kneeland Street this day discontinued a sign or signs notifying the  
City of Boston will not be liable for any accident that may hereafter  
happen upon said part and that the Boston and Worcester Rail Road  
company be notified to forthwith erect and maintain proper protection for  
the safety and convenience of the public. (Transmitted to the Mayor for his  
approval Oct. 13. 1855.)

Ordered: That Albany Street, between  
East Orange Street and Oak Street, as laid down upon the plans of the  
South Cove Company be, and the same hereby is accepted as a public  
street of the City of Boston, and that the same be graded at an eleva-  
tion above the Boston and Worcester Rail Road track according to the  
plan of C. S. Chestbrough, City Engineer dated July 2. 1855, under the di-  
rection of the Committee on Paving. (Presented to the Mayor for approval  
October 13. 1855.) See page 785.

Water Registrar. Aldermen Cooke submitted the follow-  
ing preamble and order viz: Whereas this Board are satisfied that  
William F. Wade who was chosen on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant on the part of this  
Board as Water Registrar, is not a citizen of Boston, it is therefore Order-  
ed: That the City Clerk expunge the record of said choice and that  
this Board now proceed to an election. Read, and the same were adop-  
ted and the Board having thereupon proceeded to an election of a Water  
Registrar and the ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared



that the whole number of votes was 9. Accepting for a choice 5. Ed = 629.  
ward W. Ninks had 6. William A. Davis 2. Ann H. Little 1. and there was  
one blank. Mr Ninks having the requisite number was declared e-  
lected. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next at three o'clock, PM.

At a meeting of the Board of  
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the sixteenth  
day of October, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

The Board visited the Sumner Street Wharf owned by Thomas Richardson, as Mortgagee, over which  
the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company have located their Road.

At four o'clock, PM the Board  
re-assembled at their room City Hall.

Petition of the Union Guards for approval of their Armory at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Petition of H. A. Brown for leave to give exhibitions of Natural Philosophy at the Music Hall.

650. Referred to the Committee on License.

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Stover.

Petition of Theophilus Stover for the extension of the Third Street Sewer. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Teleston.

Petition of John Teleston, Jr. and others,

Suler.

that the sidewalks in Irving Street may be laid with brick, and the

Hull.

Street re-numbered:— of H. W. Suler and others that a sidewalk be laid

Dingley.

in Church Street between Fayette and Tremont Streets:— of John C.

Hull and others that the Milford Street sidewalks may be finished:—

John T. Dingley and others that South Street Place may be accepted.

Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ransom.

Petition of Greely Ransom for

Slack.

leave to move a wooden building from Telegraph to Sullivan Street:— of

J. R. Slack for leave to move certain wooden buildings at East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Brown.

Petition of Asa Brown for leave to

occupy a portion of the sidewalk in front of 191. Broadway a few

days. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Folsom.

Petition of Frederick Folsom to be

paid for change of grade in Church Street. Referred to the Committee

on Paving.

Medical

An invitation from the Medical

College.

Faculty of Harvard College to this Board asking them to visit the Medical College in North Grove Street on Friday next, was read and accepted by the Board.



Petition of Gilbert Burdett and 651

others for the use of Kanevil Hall on October 18<sup>th</sup> next; of Elias Rice Oct. 16. 1835  
and others for the use of Kanevil Hall October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of Thom. Burdett, Rice  
as A. Kimball and others for the use of Kanevil Hall November 2<sup>d</sup>. Kimball.  
next, were serially referred to the Committee on Kanevil Hall with full Kanevil Hall.  
power.

Notice from William Wadsworth

and others declaring their intention to enclose for a few days so much Pearl Street.  
of the corner of Pearl and High Streets as is private property, was  
read and placed in file.

Application of William H. Gunning Gunningham.

ham for the benefit of the Franklin Fund, and offering Samuel S. Franklin  
Perkins and Caleb B. Watts as sureties, was referred to Aldermen Joy Fund.  
and Woodberry.

Petition of the Register of Probate Register

that certain Records be copied, and improvements made in his office. of Probate.  
Read and referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

A notice from the clerk of the Police Police Court

Court stating that Daniel G. Smith was appointed Third Assistant Clerk of the Police Court September 7<sup>th</sup> 1835 Read and sent down. In Common  
Council. Placed on file.

Petition of James Coffran, admin. Coffran.

istrator, for an allowance for the family of Lorenzo Pratt, killed from a Pratt.  
defect in Tremont Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent  
down for concurrence. Oct. 18. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee on Steam

Public Buildings in consultation with the Chief Engineer of the Fire De- Fire engine

632. partment be authorized to construct on lot adjoining the City Halls,  
Oct. 15 1855. ~~but on same, a suitable building for the accommodation of the~~  
Steam Fire Engine at an expense not exceeding Eight hundred dollars  
and the cost of the same be charged to the appropriation for Engine  
Houses. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read &  
laid on the table.

Common Council Notice was received from the Common  
Council Council that two vacancies exist in that body, caused by the resigna-  
tion of George S. Jones of Ward 6. and Edward W. Hinks of Ward 3. Read  
and placed on file.

Ward XI. A request from the School Committee  
School House. that the City Council would build the new School House in Ward XI  
in accordance with a plan adopted by the committee on that school  
district and the Committee on School Houses, was referred to the Commit-  
tee on Public Buildings in concurrence.

~~Adams~~ Petition of Isaac D. Farnsworth  
for permission to use a strip of land on Maltham Street as a pass-  
ageway. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

City Physician. The ballots having been taken and  
counted for a City Physician it appeared that Henry G. Clark was elected  
in concurrence with the Common Council.

Adams. Ordered: That the Committee on  
Library ~~Public Buildings~~ and they are ~~only directed to finish off~~ in a  
neat and proper manner for an outside wall the westerly side of  
the partition wall on the line of the estate of the late Dr. W. B. Adams,  
deceased, and adjacent to the Public Library Lot on Boylston Street,  
in conformity with the terms and understanding of the existing  
agreement between the City and Robert C. Apthorp and his assign



dated May 13, 1854, and recorded in Registry of Deeds for Suffolk County 633.  
by Tit. 663 fol. 86. in reference to said wall and other repairs; and Oct. 15, 1855.  
that said Committee be authorized to confer with the commissioners  
on the erection of the Public Library Building, should they deem it  
necessary, in order to facilitate the proper finish of said wall, the  
expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the Public Libra-  
ry Building. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, October 16, 1855.

The Committee on Ordinances to Adams.  
whom was referred the petition of George C. Adams and others in re-  
lation to the modification of the ordinance regulating townings and  
Shades.  
Shades, have considered the subject and report that the petitioners have  
leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Charles Mayo. In Common Council.  
Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Commissioners Winthrop-  
on the erection of the Public Library Building be and they are hereby au- Mayor-  
thorized to cause to be printed for the use of the City Council the address Library  
delivered by the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop and His Honor the Mayor at the  
laying of the corner stone of the building on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September last;  
together with an account of the proceedings upon that occasion and  
such other matter connected therewith as may be deemed proper by  
them. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, October 17, 1855.

Petition of Job A. Turner that the City Turner,  
would convey to him by lot of land upon East End line. See in a case  
conditions. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

The subject of the assessment of damages to Thomas Richardson by the location of the New York Central Railroad over his land at the foot of Summer Street came up by assignment; and Alderman Joy moved that the amount of damages sustained by Thomas Richardson as Mortgagee, and Farnum & Crane as Mortgagees, by the location of said Railroad over their land as aforesaid be fixed at the sum of one hundred and fifty three thousand and eight hundred dollars. - Alderman Woodman moved to amend said motion by the substitution of one dollar for the aforesaid sum, which motion prevailed. The question then recurring on the passage of the order as amended, Alderman Joy demanded the Yeas and Nays - when the subject was laid on the table.

Monmouth  
Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of the Monmouth Street sewer, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

George

On petition of Thomas C. George & others.

Ordered: That the City Engineer be authorized to construct a cess pool at the corner of Second and Fifth Streets and pave the gutters around the same. Approved by the Mayor, October 17, 1855.

Loring  
Rochester St.

On petition of Ellis Gray Loring & others. Ordered: That Rochester Street running from Harrison Avenue to Albany Street be and the same hereby is accepted and laid out as a public highway. - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters in Rochester Street as far as the edgestones have been set and the sidewalks laid. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 17, 1855.



within petition of Peter Hobart, Jr. and others, report that the grade of Arnold Street and Shawmut Avenue at their junction has been raised, Hobart and that under an order passed by the Board of Mayor & Aldermen Arnold Street. Oct. 15, 1865. last year, the sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars was paid to Samuel A. May, who gave a bond to the City of Boston to settle all the claims for damages which might arise from said change of grade on Shawmut Avenue and on Arnold Street a distance of one hundred feet from Shawmut Avenue. The petitioners with the exception of Mr. Hobart, are those with whom Mr. May should have settled on this. The late City Solicitor gave it as his opinion that the City should not settle these claims for damages but should give the petitioners leave to withdraw, and in case Mr. May should refuse to do so and the claimants brought suits against the City, to notify Mr. May to defend them under his bond. The case of Mr. Hobart is different from that of the other petitioners inasmuch as his estate is beyond the one hundred feet distance on Arnold Street from Shawmut Avenue. Your Committee in Mr. Hobart's case believe that the rise of grade in front of his estate is so trifling that he has no just claim for damages, and therefore report that all the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Accepted.

On petition of Elijah Brigham & Brigham others that a temporary sidewalk may be laid in Indiana Place, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read & accepted.

On petition of Paul and Mr. Nutt Paul & Mr. Nutt. that Chapman Street may be graded, he also makes an application. Reported that as the petitioners built their houses on Chapman Street. Street.

636. without ascertaining the grade of the same from the City Engineer  
Oct. 15. 1855. and as the street cannot be graded up to the line on which the  
petitioners have built their houses, without causing grade damages,  
the committee ask to be discharged from the subject. Read & accepted.

Printing.

Ordered: That the City Printers  
be notified that no bills for printing Documents or papers of any  
kind, will be approved or allowed by the Committee on Printing, un-  
less the same has been expressly authorized by the Mayor;  
by a vote of the City Council, or one of its branches or officers; - by the Com-  
mittee on Printing; by the School Committee or its officers; or by the Heads  
of the various Departments or institutions recognized by the City Gov-  
ernment. Sent down for concurrence. October 18. came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor, Oct 20. 1855.

Camphene.

The Committee on Ordinances,  
to whom was referred a proposed ordinance respecting the storage  
and sale of camphene and other inflammable fluids, submitted a  
new ordinance on that subject comprising six sections, which was  
read and adopted. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> came up concur-  
red. Approved by the Mayor, November 3<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Bird.

On petition of William H. Bird  
Hanson, and others that a plank sidewalk may be laid on Hanson, Walth-  
Waltham am and Ringgold Streets, the Committee on Paving reported that  
& Ringgold Sts: in their opinion a plank sidewalk should be constructed on Waltham  
and Hanson Streets and as the land belongs to the City and is  
under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Public Lands they rec-  
ommend a reference of said petition to that Committee. Read, accept-  
ed, and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 18. came  
up concurred.



Whereas in the opinion of this 637.

and, the laying out and widening of the same, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That Phipps  
bury street should be widened, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That Phipps  
due notice be given to J. Phipps and Emeline Phipps that this Board Sudbury  
intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of street.  
their land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public  
street and that Monday, the twenty second day of October instant  
at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections  
which may be made thereto.

The Committee on Ordinances to Bridges.  
whom was recommended a proposed Ordinance in relation to Bridges  
reported a new ordinance in reference to that subject comprising  
five sections, which was read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865.

The Committee on Ordinances to Alarms.  
whom was recommended a proposed Ordinance respecting the care  
and custody of the Telegraphic system of the Alarms reported a new  
ordinance on that subject which was read and passed. Sent down  
for concurrence.

On petition of Moses Williams and Williams  
others for leave to open India, Bread, Well, and Custom House Streets for India,  
the purpose of "boxing" round their stores, the Committee on Paving re. Bread, Well,  
India and Custom House Streets  
sent the case to be decided upon the petitioners to be  
ment to repair the street if it should sink from time to time in Streets  
consequence of the excavations necessary to be made. Read and accepted.

On petition of Jonas Bull and others Bull.  
that Emerald Street may be so graded that the surface water may be Emerald Street.

638. carried off, the Committee on Paving reported that the evil com-  
Nov. 15. 1855. plained of will be remedied by the Superintendent of Streets. Read  
and accepted.

A. E. Female Med. College. On petition of the New-England Fe-  
male Medical College that Washington Street be paved with wood  
Washington near 27<sup>th</sup> in that Street the Committee on Paving reported that as  
Street. the order for repairing that portion of Washington Street has been  
passed and the work commenced, it is inexpedient to make any  
change in the order at this time. Read and accepted.

Drake On petition of Tisdale Drake and  
others that Lane Street may be re numbered, the Committee on Pav-  
ing reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Stamm Agreeably to the reports of the Commit-  
Engines. tee on Steam Engines &c. leave was granted to Banker and Carpenter  
Banker, Piler to erect a Steam Engine at 107-109 State Street; and to Charles M. Porter  
to erect a Steam Engine at 209 Causeway Street.

Parodi. Agreeably to the report of the Commit-  
tee on Licenses leave was granted to Madame Teresa Parodi to give con-  
certs at the Music Hall on the usual conditions.

Gurtis Leave was granted to George Gurtis to  
exhibit a Panorama &c. at the Melodeon, the said party to pay for such  
Police Officers as the Chief may deem necessary.

Richardson Leave was granted to J. S. Richardson  
to exhibit Industrial Machines at "Gore Block", provided he pay for



such Police Officers as the Chief of Police may deem necessary. 639.

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Agreeably to the report of the Com. Constables.  
Miller on Police the nominations of George D. Phillips and John Witten  
as Constables were confirmed by the Board.

The Bonds of Joseph W. Heigh. Constables  
ton, William Fairfield, William H. Mason, Charles H. Jennie, Henry G. bonds.  
Morton, Wm. H. Gower, James Curtis, & Constables were approved by  
the Board.

The Committee on Bridges to whom South Boston  
was referred the communication of the Mayor dated "Oct. 1," 1855. Bridge.  
recommending the widening of the Sea Street Bridge, reported, that in-  
asmuch as a new Avenue has been opened from said street to South  
Boston no action is required in the premises. Accepted.

A. D. Hale (coalweigher) presented to Coalweigher  
the Board his quarterly report for Oct. 1, 1855. Read and placed on file.

On petition of John G. Pillsbury that Pillsbury  
Malden Street may be graded &c. the Committee reported that no ac- Malden St.  
tion therein is necessary at the present time. Accepted.

The Committee on Police to whom  
was referred the remonstrance of James N. Tate against his removal  
from the Police, reported, that inasmuch as the Mayor has the power  
to dismiss any of the Police at his pleasure, the Committee cannot re-  
store him in the office: but the Committee find there are no charges  
against his conduct as an officer. Read and accepted.

On the petition of J. Borland & others

Oct: 15, 1855. that River Street may be accepted, the Committee on Paving report  
 (Borland) id, that River Street from Mount Vernon Street to Beacon Street be  
 River Street. accepted if the abutters thereon will agree to give a bond to the City  
 of Boston to claim no damage in establishing a grade to carry off the  
 top water from said street and agree to close all openings into and  
 remove all obstructions over the line of the said street. Read and ac-  
 cepted. Approved by the Mayor, October 17, 1855

Streeter.

The Committee on the Fire Depart-  
 Jay ment to whom was referred the petition of George E. Streeter for leave  
 Steadman. to erect Bowling Alleys in rear of 550 and 552, Washington Street,  
 and also the remonstrances of Lucas Jay and of Isaiah Steadman  
 against the same, reported that they consider that it is not expe-  
 dient to grant the prayer of the petitioner and that therefore he  
 have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Hammond

The Joint Standing Committee on  
 Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of James N. Hammond  
 and others for an exhibition of children on the Public Lands of the  
 City have duly considered the same and would report that the peti-  
 tioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Samuel Topliff,  
 Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 18.  
 Same up concurred.

Trider Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of  
 Public Works be authorized to construct a sewer in Trider Street near in-  
 dian Street. Approved by the Mayor, October 17, 1855



Alderman Becke from the Com. 6511.

matter on Internal Health, to whom was referred the petition of Salem, Oct. 12. 1855. J. Lamb and others, that the owners of estates N<sup>o</sup> 29 and 30 India Street, Lamb may be required to comply with the order of the Board, and the following order, - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health notify the owners or agent of the owners of stores N<sup>o</sup> 29 & 30 India Street to complete the boxing in front of their estates, and in the manner and according to the plan adopted by the owners of the other estates adjoining or near thereto, in pursuance of the order passed June 5. 1855. and in the event that said owners shall fail to comply with such notice within ten days thereof, then the Superintendent of Health is directed to cause the said Boxing to be completed, and that the expense thereof be charged to and collected of the owners of said estates or the parties liable by law to pay the same. Pending the discussion on the passage of this order the subject was laid on the table and the Board voted to view the premises on Wednesday next at four o'clock P.M.

Resolved, That the safety and East convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that East Canton Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Benjamin Bunchard bounded as follows, viz. north eastwardly by the proposed line of widening of Canton Street, there measuring one hundred and forty nine feet and  $\frac{9}{10}$ ; Northwardly by Harrison Avenue  $\frac{92}{100}$  of a foot; Southwardly by the present line of Canton Street one hundred and fifty feet; and Northwardly by the same,  $\frac{50}{100}$  of a foot: - containing one hundred and six square feet, and  $\frac{50}{100}$  more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the

612. purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is  
Oct. 15. 1855. therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the  
same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the  
said city according to a plan of the said street, made by Henry  
T. McKean dated October 15<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office of the said  
Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense  
of widening the said Canton Street, as aforesaid, will amount to one  
hundred and six dollars: which sum together with the amount of  
estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street,  
during the present municipal year does not exceed the sum of  
five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, October 17. 1855.

City of New York

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent  
of Sewers be and he is hereby authorized to extend the Common Sewer  
in Richmond Street through the Sea Wall about to be built by the Mer-  
cantile Wharf Corporation east of Commercial Street. Approved by the  
Mayor, October 17. 1855.

City of New York

William M.

Deputy City

Ordered: That the order of notice  
in relation to the proposed extension of Village and Albion Streets  
which passed this Board Oct. 8. instant be rescinded, the same hav-  
ing been improperly drawn.

Hawkins

Street

Burnard.

Resolved, That the safety and con-  
venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that a portion of  
Hawkins Street should be discontinued as a public street or way  
of the said City, bounded as follows, viz.: Northeastwardly by the  
northeasterly line of Hawkins Street, as established by resolves of  
the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, passed August 15<sup>th</sup> and Novem-  
ber 7<sup>th</sup> 1853, there measuring ninety eight and  $\frac{29}{100}$ , on a line partly  
straight and partly curved; Southwestwardly by the line of the said



street as existing previously to the date of the said resolves, ninety  
feet and  $\frac{69}{100}$ ; and Northwestwardly by land taken from John M. Oct. 13. 1855.  
Burnard to widen Arrows street, by a resolve passed October 21<sup>st</sup> 1853,  
and since discontinued by a resolve passed July 11<sup>th</sup> 1855, twenty one  
feet and  $\frac{79}{100}$ ; containing eight hundred and eighty nine square  
feet more or less; being the parcels of land taken from the said Bar-  
nard to widen Hawkins Street, by the resolves first above referred to  
And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this  
Board to discontinue the said portion of Hawkins Street as aforesaid,  
as appears by the returns hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered,  
That the portion of the said street before described be, and the same  
hereby is, discontinued as a public street a way of the said way  
according to plans of the same made by Henry S. McKean & S.  
Chestbrough, dated August 15<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> 1853, and deposited in  
the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth ad-  
judge that the expense of discontinuing said Hawkins street will a-  
mount to nothing.

Whereas in the opinion of Village  
this Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re- & Albion  
quire that Village and Albion Streets should be extended, it is Streets.  
therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to George H. Gardi-  
ner, Mary Ann Elder and Margaret H. Nelson that this Board in-  
tend to extend the streets before mentioned, by taking a part of  
their land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street,  
and that Monday, the twenty second day of October instant at four  
o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections  
which may be made thereto.

On motion of Alderman Durham Chipman  
the report and orders from the Committee on Claims on petition of & Ames

644. Shipman & Ames, (being City Document No. 49.) were taken from the table,  
Oct. 15, 1855 and the consideration of the same was assigned for Monday next at  
four o'clock, P.M.

Winthrop.

Resolved: That the thanks of this

Board

be presented to the Honorable Robert C. Winthrop, President of  
the Board of Commissioners, and to His Honor the Mayor for their elo-  
quent and appropriate addresses on the occasion of laying the corner  
stone of the Public Library building - the publication of which addresses  
have been authorized by the City Council.

Burnard.

Ordered: That the order passed

by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen December 21<sup>st</sup> 1854 to pay John M.  
Burnard five thousand six hundred and fifty dollars for land taken  
to widen Hawkins street and the damages thereby occasioned be and  
the same is hereby rescinded.

Watering  
streets.

Ordered: That the Superintendent

of Health notify the several persons holding licenses to water the  
streets that the same are revoked from this date.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Sev-



eighteenth day of October, Anno Domini, 1865.

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Record,

Oct. 17, 1865.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Cook.

Pursuant to assignment the Board India visited the premises Nos. 29 and 30 India Street and also the adjacent street between the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street to the corner of the corner relating to an alleged nuisance on those premises was laid on the table.

The subject of the assignment Richardson of damages in the matter of Thomas Richardson vs. Maria Furnum and Crane, Mortgagees, vs. the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company, having been taken from the table was referred to New York Aldermen Dunham and Messinger with directions to consult the City Solicitor and to report at 2 1/2 P.M. tomorrow (Thursday) what course it is expedient for the Board to adopt in the premises. Central R.R.

Petition of James N. Hammond for leave to exhibit dwarf children at corner of Dedham and Washington Streets. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Hammond.

On petition of Ezra N. Baker and others that the name of Thomas Street and Park may be changed, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted. Baker.

On the notices of intention to build by Benjamin G. Russell on Suffolk Street and Moses Merri- field on Cotton Street, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is necessary as to widening said streets, and that so much as relates Russell. Merrifield.

646. to the grades be referred to the Committee on Paving. Accepted and  
Oct. 17, 1855. agreed accordingly.

regularly. Report of Charles E. Chapin (sculptor)  
for the quarter ending September 30, 1855. Read and placed on  
file.

constable. The Bond of John Wilson, a constable  
of the city, was approved by the Board.

Union Park. The Committee on Paving to which  
Hanson was referred the vote of the Committee on Public Lands in relation to  
Street, re: the acceptance of certain streets running between Tremont Street and  
Hanson Avenue, report that they have viewed said streets and find  
only two that are in a condition to be accepted, viz: Union Park and  
Hanson Street. The others are all in an unfinished condition and  
need considerable quantity of earth filling to bring them to grade  
both as to height and width. Your Committee therefore recommend  
the passage of the accompanying order directing that said streets  
be graded under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets, and  
the expense thereof charged to the appropriation for Public Lands  
as originally intended. For the committee, J. Dunham. Ordered:  
That Union Park and Hanson Street, be accepted and laid out as  
public highways. Ordered: That Gorton, Milford, Naitnam, Chas. Bick-  
line, Pembroke, Newton, Rutland, Concord, Worcester, Springfield, North-  
ampton, Weymouth, and Chester Streets, and Chester Square, be graded  
to the established height and width under direction of the Superin-  
tendent of <sup>A</sup> Streets, and the expense thereof charged to the appropria-  
tion for Public Lands. Accepted and the orders passed. Sent down  
for concurrence.



Ordered: That the Super. or

intendent of Streets erect such fences on the sides of the various streets between Washington Street and Harrison Avenue as he may be directed to do by the Committee on Paving, and that the Committee on Paving make such arrangements to fill up the public streets as they may deem expedient. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 12.

1855.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Paving, the sum of \$100.00 was granted to Mrs. David Porter at 28. Sudbury Street, July 10<sup>th</sup> last, to C. K. Wheelock was approved by the Board.

The Committee on Paving on the petition of W. A. Tiken and others to be paid for change of grade of C. Street, would report that there has been no change of the grade of the part of C. Street upon which the petitioners are abutters. The portion of the street on which the petitioners are abutters is that between Church and State Streets. The grade was raised in order of the Board of Aldermen, to the grade which has been established for several years. The grade was marked upon the petitioners' houses, a block of small wooden tennements, and the line of grade made a rise of some six inches above two of the door sills. The petitioners, upon the grade marks being given for the purpose of paving the street, proceeded to raise the whole block to the same height, when the grade was a descending one. Your Committee therefore are unanimous in their conclusion that the petitioners have no claim whatever on the City for damages, and accordingly report leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Read and accepted.

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On petition of Joel Wilson to be paid

Oct. 17. 1855. for the change of grade in Gold Street, the Committee on Paving reported that they had visited the premises and that in their opinion no damage can be allowed by the City of Boston as no grade was ever established and the different owners on said Gold Street have built their houses on grades to suit themselves. The Committee therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

East Boston to

On petition of the East Boston Company that a portion of the northeasterly end of Sumner Street may be extended the Committee have reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Bent.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petition of Adam Bent concerning the grades of streets at South Boston, reported that they had examined the premises and cannot find that there is any foundation for the complaints as it was not contemplated to grade the street to its exact width. Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Thursday next, tomorrow at 2 1/2 PM

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the eighteenth day of October Anno Domini, 1855



Present

The Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Gardin Oct. 18. 1855  
and four.

Petition of Rufus Choate & others Choate  
for the use of Faneuil Hall Oct 26. instant for a political meeting. Faneuil Hall.  
Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall with full power.

Communication of Trustees of Library.  
the Public Library asking for additional appropriation and addition-  
al room for the use of the Library. Referred to the Committee on the  
Public Library. In down for concurrence. Same up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee Hall.  
on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Hall & Weather-  
abee, to be remunerated for an alleged deed in the Sloop "Ellen  
Elizabeth," sold by the City to them, respectfully report, that they do  
not consider that any just claim against the City can be sustain-  
ed, in relation to the said matter, and they therefore recommend  
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee,  
J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for con-  
currence. Same up concurred.

The Bond of George D Phillips, Constable  
a Constable, was approved by the Board.

Ordered: That the time de Friend  
signated in an order of this Board dated September 10, 1855. within Friend  
which the owners and tenants of estates taken to extend Friend Street  
were required to vacate said premises, be and the same is hereby  
extended for one fortnight from October 20<sup>th</sup> instant.

Oct. 18, 1855. Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday the twenty ninth instant at four o'clock, P. M., take into consideration Third Street. the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Third Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

India Street.

On motion of Alderman Drew the order submitted by Alderman Cooke on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant respecting the alleged nuisance at Nos. 29 and 30 India Street, was taken from the table, and the question being on the passage of the order, the same was rejected.

Kneeland  
Street.  
Albany Street.

The Mayor returned to the Board unsigned, the order of the Board dated October 11. respecting the discontinuance of Kneeland Street, the order of the same date for the acceptance and name of Albany Street and the order of the Superintendent of Streets to put up signs notifying the public of the discontinuance of Kneeland Street, with his objections thereto - as follows: - That the City Council on Oct. 11. 1855. by the action of the Board of Aldermen. 1<sup>st</sup>. Three orders emanating from that body, one by Council action and two by Board action Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> one for the discontinuance of a portion of Kneeland Street, one for the acceptance of a portion of Albany Street at the Worcester R.R. crossing, and one instructing the Superintendent of Streets to put up signs notifying the public of the discontinuance of Kneeland Street, present several points which have required a thorough and critical examination. The streets are the property of the



inhabitants, and if the Hon. Elias W. Chandler, in 1846, in relation to the 651  
identical subject under consideration, declared in his official capacity as City Solicitor, that it is not competent for the Board to close the  
land street, between Hilyard and Lincoln Streets, under present circum-  
stances" it becomes a question of increasing importance to determine  
what combination of circumstances justify the City Government in dis-  
continuing it in 1855. Such are the demands of an increasing popu-  
lation, independently of the prospective condition of Boston even fifty  
years hence, that urgent appeals for opening new streets are now be-  
ing made, almost regardless of expense. And while the subject of ex-  
tending the street is under consideration, it is not to be forgotten that  
on an acknowledged public exigency, the proposition for closing a part  
of the street and passing through it, the station of the R.R. is  
destined to become the focus of intense business activity, is calculat-  
ed to excite the attention of the community. Increase of patronage  
far beyond what was originally contemplated, obliges the Boston and  
Worcester R.R. Corporation to provide accommodations accordingly.  
Their station house is too small and their territory too limited; A  
new place for immediate relief coupled with a provision for  
protection to protect travellers from exposure to injuries by the constant  
movement of cars, is found in Kneeland Street, provided it could be  
placed within their control. A bridge over the Railroad track in Hilyard  
Street is an improvement loudly called for, and should be ac-  
complished. The R.R. Corporation propose in consideration of the re-  
quishment, or as it is technically expressed, discontinuance of a  
section of Kneeland Street, not far from one hundred and forty  
feet long by forty feet in width, to assume the entire cost of raising  
the street to the level of the railroad track, and to provide the  
required elevation. Kneeland Street in connection with a new ar-

652. enue to South Boston, recently opened, at an expense of sixty thousand  
Oct. 18, 1835. and dollars is perpetually thronged with vehicles. The abutters whose  
estates have increased in value exceedingly by the completion of  
another way to the Northward, together with adjacent proprietors  
which have shared in the local prosperity, represent that even par-  
tially closing it would be seriously injurious to them, by interrupting  
a free and unrestrained travel to and fro through that long well  
established highway. If a section of it, and that nearly in the mid-  
dle, were discontinued on the terms proposed, the B. & N. R. R. Corporation,  
if they were disposed, could extend the station house over it, and  
they probably would, notwithstanding the impressions of gentlemen  
that no such course is likely to occur. On the other hand, the President  
of the R. R. Corporation, whose frank and candid avowal of what  
might possibly follow, were the city to relinquish its jurisdiction  
admits that the directors, under such circumstances, might avail them-  
selves of the privilege. The President supposes, without hesitation that  
gates would be erected, to be opened and closed at the pleasure of  
the corporation. Although the idea of immediately closing the  
street against travel may not be entertained, the President concedes  
that the corporation would have the right to do it, & at any moment  
might exercise the newly acquired power. Still further he intimat-  
ed, in the same undisguised manner, honorable to him as a  
man of sterling integrity, that a roof might possibly be carried  
across the street. In other words, the station house, there is every  
reason for believing, would be elongated over the newly acquired  
ground, the corporation being the sole and exclusive owners and  
abutters on either side. With equal propriety, on a plea of urgent ne-  
cessity, to obviate the danger to life and limb, might the proprietors  
of Boylston Market ask permission to throw gates across Washington



Street in front of their premises, on account of an increase of business and the necessity for having more stalls and stands. Oct. 12, 1835  
the cases are not precisely parallel, is there a ray of probability, provided a prayer of that kind were granted by the Board of Aldermen, that they could successfully recover possession of the street again without a permanent and direct personal interest involved in the discussion of this question, however remotely located, even at the borders of the town. No reliable calculations in reference to the future direction of trade can be suggested nor where encroachments on long established privileges would terminate, were the municipal Authorities to relax in vigilance. A proposed stipulation that six months notice should be given to the city, were any obstruction actually to be raised, is no security against the progress of the work. Suppose that walls were reared, or a structure placed on the street, and the discovery should lead to the passage of an order for relaying out the street; there is no calculating the amount of litigation that would forthwith ensue between two gigantic corporations, possessing ample resources for a protracted siege. In a deed from the South Cove Corporation, Suffolk Deeds, Lib 428. fol. 96. to the B. & N. R. R. Corporation, this language is introduced - "reserving to the South Cove Corporation its successors and assigns the right to continue Albany Street, Hudson and Buffalo streets as public highways over this fourth parcel of land, by bridges at the usual elevations of such crossings, above the level of the railroad track." This Railroad Corporation is the owner of about fourteen acres on the South Cove, including parts of several streets now in some degree in their occupancy, which is obviously calculated to create inquiry on the part of the City Government. Explorations for titles to lands, and especially to portions of streets converted to other purposes, ought not to be overlooked, since

aggressions not unfrequently become the foundation of legal claims.  
Oct. 10. 1855. Embarrassments of this kind, however, are not anticipated while  
the management of the Boston and Worcester R.R. Corporation is con-  
fided to its present directors; but their successors might pursue a widely  
different plan and assume a defiant attitude. Nothing is lost by a con-  
servative policy—experience shows that it is far easier and more eco-  
nomical for the City to keep quiet possession of its landmarks, than to  
recover advantages lost by hasty legislation on the discovery of a bad  
bargain. In short, the sentiment of a homely proverb in relation to trans-  
actions with close corporations, "safe bind and sure find," commends it-  
self as a wise adage to the understanding of all men. A detailed nar-  
rative of the origin of the streets on the South Cove, the City's interest  
in them, or speculations in regard to the deterioration of the property  
on that extensive domain, were all municipal supervision with-  
held in the form of light, sewerage and paving, is uncalled for in  
this argument. The whole history of corporations in this country de-  
monstrates and incontrovertible fact, that the people rarely get back  
a single privilege once surrendered or even when surreptitiously ta-  
ken from them, a diligent investigation has been instituted with  
a view to ascertaining the claims of both parties, and their true  
relation to each other. However unpleasant it may be to differ in  
opinion from those associated with me in the City Government, when  
the rights of the citizens appear in my judgement to be jeopard-  
ized, as they would be in the discontinuance of Kneeland Street  
between Albany and Lincoln Streets, I shall not hesitate to as-  
sume the responsibility of protecting them to the full extent of the  
constitutional power with which I have the honor to be entrusted.  
The papers containing the resolutions and orders above mentioned are  
therefore respectfully returned, unsigned, to the Board of Aldermen.



very respectfully, & have the honor to remain your obedient servant 655.

J. C. Smith, Mayor. Read and the question being on the passage of said order, the Mayor's objections thereto to the contrary notwithstanding, the subject was laid on the table. Oct. 18. 1855.

Albeman Locke signed the for- Rice.

all the same with the same result. The same result was the same.

in conjunction with the Committee on the Affairs Department be and they are hereby authorized with full power to take such action as they may deem expedient and for the interest of the City in relation to the subject matter of the petition of Lewis Rice and others provided such action shall meet the approval of the City Solicitor. Read and laid on the table.

The committee appointed to con- Richardson

sult with the City Solicitor and to report what course it is expedient for this Board to adopt in the matter of Thomas Richardson, Mortgage, NY Central RR and Turnum and Crane, Mortgage, vs The Boston and New York Central Railroad Company beg leave to report that having consulted with the City Solicitor and after reference to the Act of 1855 Chapter 247 they are of opinion - First - that if the land were taken by purchase or agreement of Crane and Turnum or owners of the fee and not in pursuance of an act of incorporation then the Chapter would not apply and the mortgagee would have no right under this Act. And if there were no doubt on this subject of purchase or agreement as above then the Committee would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Second - If the Committee were satisfied that the road have taken and hold the land in question by virtue of their location in pursuance of their act of incorporation and not as purchasers or agreement with Crane and Turnum or the same. I hope you will find it of interest. All are in the same.

656 consider that the Board of Aldermen assess the damages at their  
Oct. 18, 1855: discussion considering all the facts and circumstances of the case -  
and that the Board are not bound by the amount of the Mortgage  
as to the value of the land but may estimate the damages accord-  
ing to their judgement independent of the amount of the mortgage -  
the security to be to the satisfaction of the Board who are to exercise  
their discretion and judgement in the whole matter. But your Committee  
cannot satisfy themselves fully on the points stated above, and as  
the case appears to be one of doubt - they recommend the passage of  
the order fixing the amount of damages at the sum of one dollar  
and that the said company give security to the satisfaction of this  
Board in the sum of one dollar for the payment of all such damages  
and costs as shall be awarded by this Board or by a jury. J. Dun-  
ham, & E. W. Messinger, Committee. Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty  
second day of October, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board.



Petition of John A. Davies and 05%  
others for a lamp at the western corner of Myrtle Street. Referred to Davies.  
the committee on Lamps.

Petition of G. J. Bryant that Bryant,  
the common sewer in St. James street may be extended along  
from Rutland Street. Referred to the committee on Sewers

The Superintendent of Sewers Channing  
presented to the Board a schedule of assessments for the relaying of  
the common sewer in Channing Street. Referred to the committee on  
Sewers.

Petition of J. H. [unclear] that  
that Faneuil Hall Market may be closed on Thursday next, after  
eleven o'clock, A.M. Referred to the committee on the Market.

Petition of S. M. McPhail, Jr. and McPhail  
others for the use of Faneuil Hall October 30, 1885, wherein to hold a political  
meeting. Referred to the committee on Faneuil Hall with full  
power.

Petition of J. N. Chamberlain for Chamberlain  
leave to exhibit a Microscope on ground adjacent to the United States Fair - of Lewis & Parker for leave to exhibit a telescope adjacent  
to the United States Fair; of Hague and Parsons for leave to exhibit some  
stuffed birds at the corner of Washington and Mullen Streets. Referred  
to the committee on Licenses.

Petition of [unclear] and Son that they had surrendered to the City the store recently oc-  
cupied by them on the line of the extension of Friend Street. Referred  
to the committee on Streets.

Oct. 22, 1855. respecting the lines of North Grove Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of William H. Foster to be refunded certain taxes paid by him on property not owned by him. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1. Came up concurred.

Order. ~~Henry B. Rogers~~ and ~~James~~ for use of a room in the old Winthrop School House for an evening school. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1. Came up concurred.

Water Board. Communication was received from Henry B. Rogers resigning his seat at the Archibute Water Board. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

City Hall. Communication from the Mayor suggesting the closing of all the Municipal Offices on Thursday next, on account of the Great United States Agricultural Fair. Read and thereupon it was ordered, that the City Hall, and City Building, with the exception of the Police and Fire Telegraph Offices, be closed on Thursday next to enable those City Officers who desire it to visit the Fair and its exhibition.

Police. The Mayor nominated to the Board for appointment as a Special Police Officer in North Street, Russell Hamodell. Staid on the table.

Police. On nomination by the Mayor John C. Wells was appointed a Police Officer for special duty at the City Stables.



A communication from the Mayor

recommending that the ground prepared for the United States

Oct. 22, 1835.

Agricultural Exhibition be reserved for the City in its present state,

at present

was read and referred to the Committee on the South Bay lands.

ground

Sent down for concurrence. & Mr. L. came up concurred.

South Bay lands

A nomination by the Mayor

Superior

John A. Quinn was appointed a Highways and Inspector of

roads

and

A communication from the Mayor

East Boston

recommending a letter from the City Solicitor respecting the right of

Free Bridge Co.

the City to purchase the property of the East Boston Free Bridge Com-

pany, was read and the documents were laid on the table and or-

dered to be printed.

Whereas the order authorizing

East Boston

the grant of Forty thousand Dollars to the East Boston Free Bridge

Free Bridge Co.

Corporation when said Bridge shall be released to the City free of

Committee.

all claims and liens and by a good and satisfactory title has been

duly passed by both branches of the City Council and has this day

been adopted by the City Council and the Mayor and the City

Forer, Craigin and Mainard with such as the Board of Aldermen

may join, constitute the Joint Special Committee provided for in

said order whose duty it shall be generally to confer with the

said East Boston Free Bridge Corporation, and to see that the

erection of said Bridge shall be accomplished with a due regard

to the public safety and the interests of the City in the matter.

Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and

concurred and Aldermen Gould and Walleney were joined. Approved

by the Mayor, October 24, 1835.

Ordered: That Messrs Suler, Bond

Oct. 22, 1855. and Mayo, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a Committee to confer with Samuel G Drake, who is now engaged in the preparation of a History of Boston, and report to the City Council whether any and if any what action on the part of the Council will tend to secure the perfection of said History. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Cowdin, Joy and Woodbury were joined. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 24, 1855.

In Committee on Finance. This Committee having duly considered the report of the Committee on Paving, respecting the cost of a Sea Wall on the line of North Charles Street, and the means of paying for the same, respectfully recommend to the City Council the passage of the annexed order. For the Committee, J. V. G. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars, and that the same be appropriated for the building of a Sea Wall along the line of North Charles Street, as laid out by a Resolve of the Board of Aldermen of 30<sup>th</sup> July 1855. Passed in Common Council, Yeas 38. Nays 0. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, Yeas. Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, and Joy. Opposed by none. Nays, Aldermen Woodbury and Woodman, 12. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 24, 1855.

Ordered: That the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars be paid to the City and County Treasurer to defray the expense of extra clerk-hire in his office: and that the same be charged to the appropriation for salaries. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 24, 1855.



The common Council having amen 661.

did the order of this Board dated October 17<sup>th</sup> respecting the grades of Groton, Oct. 22. 1855. Milford, Southam and other streets at the southern section of the city, by. Streets at striking out at S., as on page 646, the word "streets" and inserting the southern section. words "Public Lands", said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 24. 1855.

Ordered: That the following Whitney.

Bills for labor and materials furnished for the use of the city, the Septon payment of which is unauthorized by the ordinance of Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1854, be. Woodberry. allowed and paid, provided they are duly approved by the Committees or Boards under whose directions the contracts were made, viz: Whitney & Kendall \$19.38. Samuel Septon \$5.00. Charles Woodberry \$431.25. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 24. 1855.

Petition from the Executive Com. (Benoni. Fur-  
miller of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches for leave to sell the (churches  
lot of land under Suffolk Chapel free from restrictions. Referred to the  
Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public

Institutions be instructed to examine and report with regard to the Charitable  
expediency of having all the Public Charitable Institutions of the City Institutions.  
placed under the management of one Board of Commissioners, and,  
if deemed expedient, to report a plan of an organization. Passed  
ed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-  
curred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 24. 1855.

Oct. 22. 1865. at William S. Davis as Water Registrar thereby non-concurring with  
 Water Board in the choice of G. W. Hinks said action came up for con-  
 sideration. A resolution recommending Mr. Davis for said office was read and placed on file. The ballots having been taken and counted for a Water Registrar it appeared that the whole number of votes was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William S. Davis had 6. G. W. Hinks 5. and George Clark, Jr. 1. Be-  
 fore the vote was declared Alderman Cooke rose to a point of order, whether under the resolve of October 11<sup>th</sup> the votes for Mr. Davis should be counted on the ground that he is not a citizen of Boston - and the Chair having sustained the motion, and having declared Mr. Hinks elected, on the ground that the votes for Mr. Davis should not be counted, an appeal from the decision of the chair was called for, and the Yeas and Nays having been entered thereon, they were taken as follows, Yeas, Aldermen Cooke, Gardin, Gould, and Woodberry. 4. Nays, Aldermen Drew, Garham, Hy, Keesinger, Sprague, Topliff, Woodman. 7. To the ruling of the chair was not sustained - and thereupon it appeared that there was no choice of Water Registrar on the part of this Board.  
 The Council then adjourned to next week.

On petition of John E. Ford and  
 others for appointment of a Board to act upon the Com-  
 mittee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and laid on  
 the table.

In accordance to the reports of the Com-  
 mittee on Licenses Samuel Dexter was allowed to exhibit a Museum  
 at corner of Washington and Salem streets for one week. M. S. Brown to ex-  
 hibit Dioramic views re. at the Music Hall - and James N. Hammond  
 to exhibit dwarf children at corner of Washington & Salem St. for one week.



The Committee on Licenses 663

voled in favor of allowing Joshua Grant permission to exhibit wild Oct. 22, 1888.  
animals near the City Stables but the Board refused to accept said Grant.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee on Licenses, Thomas M. Newcomb was appointed a Knight of local.

The Committee on the Market, Higman, to whom was referred the petition of J. B. Higman and others that San Francisco Hall Market House be closed on Thursday next, after eleven o'clock, A.M. reported the following order. Ordered: That the Superintendent of San Francisco Hall Market be and he is hereby directed to close the same on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> instant at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Read, accepted and the order passed.

The Committee on Paving on James the petitions of Deming Jarvis and others that First Street between First Street, A and C Streets may be opened report that the public welfare and convenience require that First Street should be closed to public travel, and have obtained from the City Engineer an estimate of the cost of paving and that which is required. It is recommended that the probable cost is eight thousand eight hundred and nine dollars. Your Committee therefore recommend that the sum of Nine thousand dollars be borrowed for constructing a Sea Wall along the line of First Street between A and C Streets, and for the filling in of the same. The Board of Supervisors concurred in the recommendation and referred the same to the Committee on Finance, who concurred. Nov. 1. Same up concurred.

Oct. 22. 1855. to which was referred the petition of Solomon Roper and others that Roper. a portion of Tenhigh Street be paved, report that there is a sufficient quantity of paving stones on hand to pave the part of Tenhigh Street between the Worcester Rail Road track and Albany Street, and as this part of the street is greatly travelled and needs paving, they recommend that the sum of five thousand dollars be borrowed to pay for the labor, gravel and edgestone to complete the work. It is well known that it was intended that there should be some money borrowed and added to the appropriation for paving for new work, and the paving of Tenhigh Street comes under this head. For the Committee, Josiah Luskham, Jr. Read, accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Nov<sup>r</sup> 1. Came up concurred.

Jail-  
warming  
apparatus.

The Committee on the Jail report fully resistant to the Hon. Board of Aldermen that the warming apparatus for that Institution is deficient, and that a much more economical and satisfactory arrangement can be had; and in their opinion the good of the City requires the substitution of some better plan than now exists. As the Committee are offered such a plan, with a guarantee of its perfect adaptation for the purpose, to the satisfaction of the Committee, at an estimated cost of from \$5000 to \$7000, they respectfully recommend to the City Council the adoption of the annexed order. For the Committee, Charles Woodbury. Ordered: That the Committee on the Jail have authority to substitute the new apparatus for warming the County Jail proposed by in place of the stoves now in use for that purpose provided the expense of the change does not exceed fifty hundred dollars, which is to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk. Read, accepted and



the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.

665.

Oct. 22, 1855.

Ordered: That the committee on Jail  
the jail be and they are hereby directed to sell all and any stoves Stoves & in  
and any heating apparatus which may not be needed for the use  
of the jail. Approved by the Mayor, October 23, 1855.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police Hebbins  
with the aid of the Board of Health be and they are hereby directed to  
bring to the attention of the Board of Health the condition of the building  
to the safety of the public, that unless the said building be taken down  
or repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Health within  
six days from this date, the same will be done by the City Authorities  
at the expense of said owner.

On petition of John I. Dingley Dingley  
Ordered: That South Street Place be and the same hereby is accept- South Street  
ed and laid out as a public highway provided the abutters or their Place.  
agents do not object thereto and that they will claim no damage in the establishing of a grade to car-  
ry off the top water from the said place.

Ordered: That the Superinten South Street  
dent of the Public Works be and he is hereby directed to place a bond in the  
above mentioned bond is filed with the City Clerk. Approved by the Mayor,  
Oct. 23, 1855.

Ordered: That warrants be Warrants  
issued for meetings of the legal voters of this City in their respective for Ward  
Wards on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at nine o'clock, a.m. meetings.  
Then and there to give in their ballots in writing their  
votes for the several candidates for the several offices and for the

666 General, Auditor, and Attorney General: also six Senators for the  
Oct. 22, 1855 District of Suffolk and thirty four Representatives to represent the City  
of Boston in the next General Court of this Commonwealth, that being  
the number determined upon by the City Council; All to be voted for on  
one ballot. The Bids to be kept open until four o'clock, P.M.

Blanchard Ordered: That there be paid to Will-  
iam E. Blanchard and Timothy A. Sumner the sum of One hundred  
and fifty dollars for land taken to widen East Garden Street, in the  
name of William E. Blanchard, upon their giving to the City a Deed for  
the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs  
and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be  
charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor Oct. 23, 1855.

Glash. On petitions of Joseph J. Glash & James  
Paran. Paran for leave to keep their respective Dance Halls in Terry Street, the  
Committee on Licenses reported that it is inexpedient to grant the  
prayers of the petitioners. Read and accepted.

West Street. Ordered: That the Superintendent of  
Streets be authorized to repair West Street with Nicolson's wooden  
pavement from Cement Street to twenty feet below the westerly line  
of the State building provided the abutlers thereon contribute the sum  
of Ten hundred and fifty dollars towards the expense of the same.  
Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair the  
portion of West Street from the State to Washington Street. Approved by  
the Mayor Oct. 23, 1855.

Merifield. The Committee on paving on the pe-  
tition of Messrs Merifield's intention to build and for grade on Bolton  
Bolton Street.



Street, report that Chelsea Street has not been accepted and no grade 667.  
is established by the City, therefore the petitioners can receive no grade Oct. 22, 1855  
from the City. Accepted.

Ordered: That, in consequence of the  
the Great National Exhibition of the United States Agricultural Society in vicinity  
which occurs in this City this week and in order to facilitate the ac- of the Fair.  
cess and egress of visitors to said exhibition, the Chief of Police is hereby  
directed to close Harrison Avenue at Northampton and Canton Streets.  
Chester Street at Washington Street. East Springfield Street at Wash-  
ington. Worcester at do. East Concord at do. East Norton at do. Brock-  
line at do. from Tuesday morning at seven o'clock to Saturday night  
at 12. M. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 23, 1855

Ordered: That the Chief of Old Colony  
Police be directed to notify the Old Colony Railroad Corporation to Rail Road  
remove all obstructions over the line of Division Street, within ten days Division Street.  
of the date of this order, and if at the expiration of this period the ob-  
structions are not removed, then the Chief of Police is further directed  
to cause all said obstructions to be forthwith removed. Approved by the  
Mayor, October 23, 1855.

The Committee on Sewers and Burial  
Drains to whom was referred the petition of John Borland and others River Street.  
for a sewer in River Street, reported, that said sewer be constructed so  
as to drain the estate of John Borland provided three fourths of the  
cost thereof be guaranteed to the City. Read and accepted.

No person appearing to object to Village  
the proposed extension of Village and Union Streets said subject was Union Street.  
referred to the Committee on Streets with full powers.

No person appearing to object to

Oct. 22. 1855. the proposed widening of Sudbury Street by taking land of A. and E. Sudbury St. Chapp, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power

Richardson

Alderman Hespinger submitted the

vs

N. Y Central  
Railroad.

proceeding. Ordered: That upon the petition of Thomas Richardson re-  
siding in the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company, this Board  
do estimate and award damages to him as Mortgage and Tarnam  
and lease mortgagers in the sum of one <sup>A</sup>dollar, and also do further  
order and require the said company to give security to the satisfac-  
tion of this Board <sup>C</sup> in the sum of one <sup>B</sup>dollar for the payment of all such  
damages and costs as shall be awarded by this Board or a Jury.  
Read and laid on the table.

Chipman

Times.

Agreeably to assignment the Board

considered the subject of City Document N<sup>o</sup> 44 being the report of the com-  
mittee on Claims on the subject of the claims of Messrs Chipman and Times  
for losses sustained by them in consequence of the non fulfillment of a con-  
tract made with them for erection of a new School House in South Boston.  
On motion of Alderman Dunham the report was amended by insert-  
ing at its close page 473 "that the said committee be authorized to  
adopt either of the two plans that have been submitted to this commit-  
tee." The question being on the passage of the orders appended to the  
report, they were struck out and the following orders were substituted  
in lieu thereof. Ordered: That there be paid to Charles Chipman, Twelve  
hundred and fifty dollars in making estimates of the cost of the School  
Houses at South Boston and for losses sustained on account of the  
purchase by him of extensive granite materials which could not be  
used by reason of a change of plan. Read. Sent down for concurrence.



Ordered: That there be paid 609.

Three hundred dollars for making estimates Oct. 22, 1852.  
The sum of three hundred dollars was paid to the  
committee on education for the same purpose.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
University of the State of New York, held at the State on Wednesday the  
22nd day of October, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

President and all the members except one member who was absent  
because of illness.

Thirty two Harvardians were present

from the Harvard School.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, PM.

In a meeting of the Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty ninth day of October, Anno Domini, 1855.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Indices to Registry of Deeds. A communication from the Registry of Deeds, relative to a new style of Indices to the records of real estate in Registry of Deeds, prepared by D. A. Nichol, Esquire, was referred to a letter from Mr. Nichol, to the Committee on County Accounts.

Police. On nomination by the Mayor, Joseph A. Harris was appointed a Police Officer for Station No. 7, a substitute,

Charles Burke, and Thomas Bennett were appointed Police Officers at Faneuil Hall Market, and Theodore A. Shallen a Police Officer to take charge of the conveyance of prisoners to the Court House and Jail.

Hay. Petition of Samuel A. May for leave to erect a Stable in Van Rensselaer Place. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Amusement. Petition of John A. ... for leave to give a ... at the ... this evening. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of John A. ... for leave to give a ... at the ... this evening. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Shaddeus Allen and others that the wagons, vehicles &c. may not be allowed to encumber Howard Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



Petition of John Pringle and others  
for a gravel sidewalk on a part of N. Street; of Charles E. Bacon - Oct. 29, 1855.  
line and others that Village Street may be accepted; of William Apple-  
ton and others that Commercial Street be repaired near the new store; Valentine  
erected by John Quincy on that Street. Referred to the Committee on the  
in

Petition of T. J. Fleming to be Fleming  
paid for damage occasioned by change of grade in South Street. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of G. F. Allen that a Allen  
apartment be built in River Street near the Boston and New York Central  
Railroad Bridge; of Thomas Cook for leave to open a carriage driveway Cook  
in Harrick Square; of Emory B. Fay and others that Summer Street  
be re-numbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Edwin Briggs for leave Briggs  
to move a building in First Street. Referred to the Committee on  
Paving with full power.

The Superintendent of Sewers pre- South  
sented to the Board the appliances for construction of a sewer in South Williams  
Williams Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers. Street.

Petition of Patrick German to be paid German  
for injuries to his wife in Paul Street. Referred to the Committee on  
Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1. Same up concurred.

No person appearing to object to Third Street  
the proposed extension of the Third Street sewer, said subject was re-  
commended to the Committee on Sewers with full power. sewer.

Oct. 29, 1855. use of Ward room in Ward XI on Sunday evenings. Referred to the  
 Wilson. Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1. Came  
 up concurred.

share

Application of John Sears for a lease  
 of the scrub bay lands. Referred to the Committee on South Bay Lands.  
 Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1. Came up concurred.

A. L. Central  
 Rail Road

On motion of Alderman Jay the subject  
 of the apportionment of damages to Thomas Richardson by reason of the loca-  
 tion and construction of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road  
 over his land at the foot of Summer Street, was taken from the table,  
 and the question being in the passage of the order offered October 22<sup>d</sup>,  
 Alderman Jay moved to amend by striking out at A. and at B.  
 just on page 688. the word "one" and inserting "sixty thousand". Said  
 on the table, and, on motion of Alderman Dunham, it was ordered:  
 That Aldermen Dunham and Messinger be a Committee to ask  
 the City Solicitor—whether in case of a petition by a Mortgagee for  
 damages from a Railroad location, if the amount of damages a-  
 warded to said mortgagee and to the mortgagors under the Act of 1855  
 be a nominal sum, the Board should require the respondents  
 to give security in a like sum? And whether the amount of damage  
 awarded by the County Commissioners, whether large or small  
 and a Bond given for a like amount do really affect the legal rights  
 of the petitioner.

Telling

List.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be di-  
 rected to designate upon the Telling List the names of all persons  
 thereon who shall not have paid a tax assessed upon them within two  
 years according to law.



The subject of the East Boston Free 673.

Bridge Company as contained in the letter of the City Solicitor, having Oct. 29. 1855.  
been taken from the table, a preamble and order amendatory of the East Boston  
order of Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> was passed, as follows viz: Whereas by the opinion of the Free Bridge  
City Solicitor submitted to the Mayor on the twentieth day of October in-  
stant it appears that the City of Boston is not authorized by Law to  
purchase the franchise or charter of the East Boston Free Bridge Com-  
pany - and whereas it is desirable that the erection of said Bridge should  
not be impeded thereby, it is Ordered: That the order of the City Coun-  
cil which was passed Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1855. authorizing the Mayor to execute a  
sufficient and proper contract with the said East Boston Free Bridge  
Company in relation to the construction of said Bridge be and the same  
is hereby amended - by adding to the end of said order put in page 611.  
the following - "Provided that the said City shall first be duly autho-  
rized, by law and an Act of the Legislature, to make the purchase of  
the said bridge and property and to hold and maintain the same  
for the purposes named in said Act. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1.  
came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor November 8. 1855

Ordered: That the order which Clinton Street  
passed this Board on the tenth day of September 1855 establishing an sewer.  
assessment for constructing a common sewer in Clinton Street, be and  
the same is hereby rescinded and declared void and of no effect.  
Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30. 1855.

En petition of James O. Buffin for Buffin  
leave to give an exhibition of the art of self Defence, the Committee in  
Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Oct. 29. 1855

Jenney.

for appointment as a Manufacturer of Spirituous Liquors, the Committee on Licenses reported that no action is required thereon he already holding a license to that effect. Read and accepted.

Finance.

Adm.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be and

he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to each and every person named in the rolls of the Volunteer Militia as being entitled to the Bounty allowed by law the sums affixed to their respective names, amounting in the aggregate to Ten thousand six hundred and sixty four dollars and fifty cents. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 27. 1855.

Water.

On motion of Alderman Sprague

Registrar.

the election of a Water Registrar was taken from the table, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole number of votes was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William J. Davis had 5. Edward W. Hink 5. George Clark, Jr. 2. No choice. The Board having proceeded to a second ballot it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William J. Davis having that number was declared elected in concurrence with the Common Council. Whereupon Aldermen were asked the following questions: members of this Board have reason to believe that William J. Davis, this day chosen as Water Registrar is ineligible to the office and not a legal citizen of Boston, it is therefore Ordered that the opinion of the City Solicitor be asked as to the legality of said election and that a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to report the facts by legal evidence to said Solicitor for his opinion. <sup>A</sup> Also, Ordered: That the certificate of election of said Davis be withheld until such opinion shall be had. <sup>B</sup> The Yeas and Nays being required on the passage of said orders they were



taken as follows Year. Aldermen Cooke, Gordin, Grew, Hopkins, Sherman, 675

Woodbury. 6. Mayor. Aldermen Dunham, Joy, Messinger, Spurgue, Steadman. Oct. 29 1855

2. Second Alderman Gordin second order was passed and Aldermen Cooke, Messinger and Grew were appointed said Committee. Subsequently Alderman Grew moved a reconsideration of the passage of said order, which motion prevailed by a large majority of the Board, and he then moved to strike out all from A. to B. which motion was adopted: and the remainder of the order was again passed.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains to whom was referred the petition of E. J. Bryant for the extension of the Common Sewer in Shawmut Avenue near Concord Street, report that the prayer of the petition be granted, provided he will agree to pay three quarters of the cost thereof. Accepted. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30. 1855. Bryant Shawmut Avenue.

Ordered: That whenever the abutments on Ninth Street, between Old Market and K. Street, petition for, and the City interest requires it, then the City will cause said Street to be built and graded in accordance with the plan herewith submitted and the profiles heretofore adopted and on record in the City Engineer's Office. Approved by the Mayor, October 30. 1855. Ninth Street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Corling Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to William A. Prescott bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the proposed line of widening of Corling Street, there measuring fifty five feet; Northwardly by land of J. H. Paul, 5<sup>th</sup> of a foot; Southeastwardly by the present line of Corling Street fifty five feet and 7<sup>th</sup>, and Southwestwardly by Everett Street nine feet and  $\frac{4}{11}$ ; containing two hundred and Corling Street Prescott.

676. eighty eight square feet and  $\frac{5}{16}$ , more or less. And Whereas, due notice  
Oct. 29. 1855 has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of  
land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto an-  
nected, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described  
be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or  
way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made  
by James Stude dated October 29<sup>th</sup> 1855 and deposited in the office of the  
said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense  
of widening the said polling street, as aforesaid, will amount to Fif-  
teen hundred dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates  
of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the pres-  
ent municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.  
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 30. 1855

Russell.

Ordered: That there be paid to  
Joseph G. Russell the sum of Four hundred seventy six  $\frac{2}{100}$  Dollars for  
land taken to widen Congress Street, it being for eighty nine and  $\frac{86}{100}$   
square feet at five dollars and thirty cents upon his giving to the City a  
Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages,  
costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same  
be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.  
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 30. 1855.

West Cedar

street

room

Whereas it appears to this Board that  
a nuisance exists on West Cedar Street caused by a wooden building  
that is unsafe and dangerous to the public, belonging to Jesse Shaw, it is  
hereby Ordered, That the Chief of Police be, and he is, hereby directed to  
cause said nuisance to be abated in such way or manner as he may  
deem expedient, at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly  
notified, have neglected to abate said nuisance.



that a nuisance exists on River Street caused by an old wooden building, Oct. 29, 1856.  
unsafe and dangerous to the public, on premises belonging to the city, it is  
hereby ordered, that the Chief of Police be, and he is hereby directed to cause  
said nuisance to be abated in such way and manner as he may deem  
expedient, at the expense of said parties, who have neglected to abate said  
nuisance.

Agreeably to the reports of the Intelligence  
Committee on Nuisances leave was granted to George S. Shullcworth and  
to William H. Doherly to keep Intelligence Offices at 117 1/2 Water Street and  
21 Exchange Street, respectively.

Leave was granted to Thomas J. Shelton and others to hold a political meeting in Faneuil Hall on  
the 31<sup>st</sup> instant and to George J. Stearns and others on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Novem-  
ber instead of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> and the third of November heretofore  
granted to said parties respectively.

The Committee on Laying out  
and widening Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Doctors Rye-  
low, Wyman, and Clarke, professors in the Medical College, praying that  
the limits of North Grove Street may be defined by this Board, Report:  
That it does not appear by any record that North Grove Street has ever  
been formally accepted by the City any farther north than Vine Street;  
at the time of its acceptance south of this point, the northerly part of  
the street passed over private property, and led nowhere: no one was in-  
terested in it but the late Dr. George Parkman, and there was nothing  
to call attention to it: That there would probably have been no objection on  
the part of the City at that time, to accept the street by lines indicated  
by Dr. Parkman, may be taken for granted. It only remains then, to show  
what Dr. Parkman considered to be the true lines of the Street; this is

678. shown by reference—First, to the deed by which Dr. Parkman conveyed to  
Oct. 29. 1855. Harvard College the land on which the Medical College has been built,  
in this deed he says "The N.E. corner of said land is about eighty  
three feet west from the N.W. corner of Bridge Street—this fixes the  
place of the Building—he then says—"the middle of the width of  
said land, from east to west, is a continuation northward of the mid-  
dle longitudinal line of N. Grove St." In order that the middle line  
of the street should pass through the middle of the land, for the mid-  
dle of the building, which is the same thing, between Vine Street and  
the College, must be cut off, making the Street about forty six feet wide.

This deed is recorded with Suffolk Deeds Lib. 586. Vol. 301. Second In  
an assignment by Leonard Fuller to the West Boston Turn Co. of two bars  
from Dr. Parkman (said assignment being recorded with Suffolk  
Deeds Lib. 591. Vol. 123.) these words are found "The west boundary, on the  
E. side of N. Grove Street, is forty six feet &" from the S.E. corner of my  
Machine Shop, it having been agreed that said Street shall be forty  
six feet in width: The Directors of the Medical College have a right to  
require the East Foundry Buildings to be diminished so as to give the  
said width." In the same deed Fuller says "North Grove Street which is  
forty six feet in width;" and the petitioners claim that he is to be under-  
stood as saying this with Dr. Geo. Parkman's knowledge and assent. The  
petitioners have fully set forth, on their appearance before your Committee,  
the great inconvenience they will be deriving from the said street as a  
proper entrance to the College or access to the Horse Sheds; your Commit-  
tee are of the opinion that no incumbrance or difficulty of the kind now  
complained of, would exist at this time in said Street had Dr. Geo. Park-  
man lived at this day, as he would have carried out his intentions as in-  
dicated in said deed and lease, and otherwise, long before this time. Your  
Committee are also of the opinion that the said Street has been dedicated



to the public as a highway as expressed in said deed, and all ob- 679.  
structions, projections of Buildings over said street can be removed at Oct. 24. 1855  
any time at the request of said Directors, without cost to them or the City.  
In conclusion your Committee would recommend the passage of the fol-  
lowing order. For the Committee, G. J. Woodman, Chairman. Ordered: That  
North Grove Street is hereby accepted as a Public Street or highway, from Cam-  
bridge Street to the Medical College Buildings. Accepted and the order passed.  
Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 30. 1855.

On motion of Alderman Glick.  
the order offered by him October 18 respecting the subject matter of the  
petition of Lewis Rice and others was taken from the table and was  
passed. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> came up concurred. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor, Nov. 3, 1855.

Alderman Harrison offered the following - Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the safety and con- Union  
venience of the inhabitants requires that Union Street should be wid- Street.  
ened, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the High-  
Wardens, Jonathan Parker, Moses Grant, Heirs of Corbridge, Franklin Lex-  
ter, J. Tappan (Trustee) William Winot, Trustee, W. H. Coffin, Heirs of Child-  
all, Heirs of Wiley, James Davis, J. Lukeman, E. W. Stone, and all others in-  
terested in the land on the north side of the street before mentioned  
by taking a part of the land belonging to the aforesaid parties, and  
laying out the same as a public street - and that Tuesday the sixth  
day of November next at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for  
hearing any objections which may be made thereto. Read and laid  
on the table.

Alderman Harrison offered the following - Whereas in the opinion of this Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants requires that a new street should be laid out  
Street.

680. out from Union to Hanover Street, through Scott Court, it is therefore here  
by the Board of Aldermen, in a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, in a meeting  
of Justice, Messrs of Robinson, Moses Grant, Solomon Wilder, and all others  
interested that this Board intend to lay out the street before mentioned,  
by taking a part of the land belonging to the aforesaid parties, and lay  
ing out the same as a public street - and that Tuesday the 10th day  
of November next at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for  
hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Adjourned to Friday next, at eleven o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Second day of November, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen.

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor, Henry Tappan was appointed a Police Officer for vicinity of City Institutions at South Boston.

M<sup>r</sup> Keon.

Petition of Thos M<sup>r</sup> Keon for leave to exhibit a Panorama of Italy. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



Petition of Abrah Littlefield and 681.

others that the westerly sidewalk in Lincoln Street below Essex Street may be paved with brick. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Nov. 2, 1855. Littlefield.

Petition of John Tiers and others

and others against granting a license to John Tiers to exhibit animals in Howard Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

The Superintendent of Sewers presents Clinton Street

Common Sewer in Clinton Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of A. W. Hudd 16<sup>th</sup> for leave to Hudd.

purchase a portion of the Public Lands of the City. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 8, came up concurred.

Petition of George Frederick for Frederick

leave to exhibit his collection of minerals. Referred to the Committee on Minerals.

Petition of Richard Spibby and Spibby.

others that Princeton Street may be graded. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

On petition of Samuel A. Way for Way.

leave to erect a stable in Van Rensselaer Place, the Committee on the Police Department reported that the Board of Police had given their sanction to the erection of a stable on the proposed location. Accepted.

Ordered, That there be paid to Russell.

Joseph G. Russell the sum of seven <sup>700</sup> Dollars for one foot and one Congress Street.

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half of land taken to widen Congress Street, said amount of land being additional to the quantity taken by the Board of Aldermen, March 28<sup>th</sup> last, and which is dedicated to the public by said Russell, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 3. 1855.

Nov. 11.

James E. Goddard, Inspector, a report that he had received during the quarter ending Oct 31 the sum of \$100.00 from the City of Boston for the use of the City of Boston, which he had paid into the City Treasury. Read and sent down to Common Council. Placed on file.

Burbank  
Lanton Street.

On petition of R. H. Burbank and others that the City would repay them the expense of repairing the curbstones in Lanton Street, the Committee on Paving reported that the bills for the work done by the petitioners be paid by the City. Accepted. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 3. 1855.

Stevens  
Mt. Vernon Av.

On petition of Luther Stevens and others that Mount Vernon Avenue be paved, the Committee on Paving reported that Mt. Vernon Avenue is a private way and as the City does not pave unaccepted streets, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Fleming.  
Fourth Street.

On petition of Paul J. Fleming to be paid for damage occasioned by change of grade in Fourth Street, the Committee on Paving reported that as no damage was done by the City of Boston, they recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.



On petition of Thomas Crank 683.

for leave to open a cellar doorway in Warwick Square, the Committee on Paving reported that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grant a permit provided the owner gives a bond that the doorway is not to be kept continually open. Read and accepted. Nov. 2. 1855. Crank War. Square.

On petition of G. Peterson that Peterson

the city would repair the damages done to his sidewalk from a defect in the sewer &c - the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of Perkins Boynton & Boynton

that the sidewalk on the easterly side of Perry Street may be laid down, the Committee on Paving reported that the work has been completed & paid for and that no further action is necessary thereon. Accepted. Perry Street.

On petition of William Appleton and Appleton

that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade so much of Commercial Street, near Clinton Street, as he shall consider expedient and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 3. 1855. Commercial Street.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, F Street.

the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that F Street should be extended seventy six feet in a westerly direction, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to William Clapp and Richard Clapp that this Board intend to extend the Street before mentioned, by taking a part of their land &c &c and laying out the same as a public Clapp.

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street and that Monday, the twelfth day of November instant at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing and objections which may be made thereto.

Cambridge

Petition of the Cambridge Railroad

and

company for an extension of its line through South End, Howard, Court Streets, and for other privileges. Read and laid on the table.

Union Street

On motion of Alderman Washburn

and

the order of notice relating to the widening of Union Street and the extension of Scott's Court to Hanover Street, were taken from the table and after a lengthy discussion upon the passage of the same, they were again laid on the table by the following vote, viz: Yeas, Aldermen Bowdin, Dunham, J. J. Higgins, Spague, and Woodman. Nays, Aldermen Cooke, Drew, Topliff, Washburn and Woodberry, 5.

Scott Street

Whereupon Alderman Cooke offered

Union Street

the following resolve - Resolved: That the Committee on laying out and widening Streets be and they are hereby requested to investigate and report upon the expediency of laying out and opening Scott Street as proposed and widening Union Street in conjunction, and that said Committee report the estimated expense thereof in full. Read and adopted.

Pratt

On petition of John C. Pratt and others that the Milford Street sidewalks may be finished, the Committee on Paving reported a reference of the subject to the Committee on Public Lands. Read, accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 8. Came up concurred.

Richardson

The Special Committee who were directed

New York

to obtain an opinion in writing from the City Solicitor respecting the amount of damages which this Board should award in the case of

Central Railroad.



James Richardson vs: the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Com: 686.  
pany, and especially upon the legal effect of awarding nominal dama-  
ge in the case against him. The opinion of the court is that the  
award and the amount to him have been made, as follows:  
file

Adjourned to Tuesday next at four o'clock, PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men, in the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the 21st day of  
November, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

Alderman Dunham, Chairman pro tem. and all the Aldermen except  
Aldermen Brewster and Cook.

Petition of B. S. Remick and others that Remick  
should that may be required with measures that should be the com-  
mittee on Savings

Petition of Jonas Stratton that the Stratton  
sum allowed him for conveyance of prisoners to and from jail, may

686. be increased. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

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Mass. Med. Coll.

North Grove  
Street.

Petition of the Massachusetts Medical College that North Grove Street may be made wider or that the existing projections over the line of said street may be removed. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Parks.

Brewer  
Dover Street.  
Washington Street.

Petition of Luther Parks, Jr. and others, that Dover Street may be widened at the corner of Washington Street; and of Nathaniel Brewer that Washington Street may be widened at the corner of Dover Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Chestnut & D.  
Streets.

The Superintendent of Sewers presented to the Board schedules of assessments for the construction of a sewer in Chestnut and D. Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Market.

The Superintendent of the Market's report for the quarter ending Oct. 31. shewing that he had received as rents for stalls &c. in said Market the sum of eleven thousand six hundred sixty six dollars and fifty eight cents, was read and placed on file.

City clerk.

The City Clerk reported that for the quarter ending Oct. 31. he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of two hundred thirty six dollars and seventy seven cents. Read and sent down.

Warner.

Petition of Mary B. Warner to be paid for personal injuries sustained by her in Oliver Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Laid down for concurrence. Nov. 8. Came up concurred.



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under and by virtue of the Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed April 6. 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to amend and refine its location." The following are the courses and distances:—Beginning, at a point in the southeasterly end of the Passenger Station House on Haymarket Square in Boston one foot and ninety six hundredths of a foot easterly of the middle of said end of said Station House and through a line parallel to the centre of said building to the other end 201 feet thence N. 39° 48' 51" W 2161 feet to a point in the boundary line between Suffolk County and Middlesex County where a straight line drawn from the said point in the N. end of said house through a point on the N. side of Causeway Street where a stake is driven and 13<sup>7</sup>/<sub>100</sub> feet distant E. from the present brick freight house of said road to said boundary crosses said boundary. The width and boundaries of said location are as follows, 1<sup>st</sup> Under the said passenger house to the N.W. side of Market Street the ground covered by the said passenger house. 2<sup>d</sup> from Market Street to the Northerly side of Causeway street a strip bounded West by Canal Street and just five rods in width. 3<sup>d</sup> from the said Northerly side of Causeway street to said boundary between said Counties a strip five rods in width of which 66 feet are West and 16<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet are East of said line. 4<sup>th</sup> from said location to the N.W. corner of the lot where the said station is located a strip five rods in width which is to be taken as a part hereof. It is not intended hereby to locate upon any other lot in the city of Boston and vicinity any other location. President. Filed Nov 3<sup>d</sup> 1855. Read and referred to Aldermen Sprague, Mesinger and Wy.

Louisburg

Notice from the proprietors of Louisburg

Squire

From all my said said and read in court on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1855. The rights to the same was read and placed on file.



The Committee on Police re- 689.

port: that they recommend the confirmation of George I. Dexter, nominated Nov. 6, 1855. by the Mayor, for Constable. The Mayor wishes to withdraw the name of Edward D. Carpenter or not to have him confirmed for one of the Constables. if Mr. Dexter is confirmed it will make fifty nine Constables, leaving one vacancy, which completes the business committed to the Committee. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Read and accepted.

On nomination by the Mayor Council Hall. That Luther was appointed Superintendent of Council Hall for the ensuing year.

The nomination of Russell Police. Ramsdell as a Police Officer for the protection of property at North Street was taken up in the hall and was confirmed without any discussion.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Keon was allowed to exhibit a Panorama of Italy at the Melodrom and Geo. Frederick to exhibit dogs at Chapman Hall.

The Common Council having Jail. Warming apparatus. referred the order which passed this Board Oct. 22<sup>d</sup> respecting the warming apparatus for the new jail, to a Joint Special Committee consisting on its part of Messrs Chipman, Mayo and Buckley - said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Woodbury, Mesinger and Joy were joined.

The Common Council having Chipman. recommended to the Committee on the Jail and Warming apparatus Charles Chipman and G. H. Ames, which were adopted by this Board

Oct. 22. 1855. said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

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Appropriation  
transfers

Ordered: That the Auditor of Accounts be authorized to transfer from the appropriation for the House of Industry the sum of Twenty two hundred dollars and to add the same to the appropriation for the incidental expenses of running the Steam Boat Henry Morrison. Passed in Common Council Yeas 36. Nays 4. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, Yeas Aldermen Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Washburn and Woodman. 10 Nays. 0. Approved by the Mayor, November 7. 1855.

Fire Alarm

The Common Council having recomitted to the Committee on Ordinances the Ordinance in relation to Fire Alarms, which passed this Board Oct. 15. 1855. said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Govt.  
Beverance.

Ordered: That the following bills be audited and paid, provided they are duly approved by this Committee in this session of the Board: one hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty three cents for wharfage and for materials furnished the Saver Department. Two hundred twenty eight dollars and six cents for B. Beverance for tallow furnished for Steamer Henry Morrison, eleven dollars and thirteen cents. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, November 7. 1855.

City  
Registrar.

The quarterly report of the City Registrar for the quarter ending Oct. 31. showing that he had received and paid out the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars and placed on file.



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be requested to give this Board his opinion whether under the constitution of the City of Boston it is competent for the City Council to appropriate and expend any money for the aid, maintenance or support of the evening adult Schools - such as have been heretofore kept in the Fells Street Chapel, and Warren Street Chapel. Evening Schools.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Sudbury Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Albert and Emeline Phipps - bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the proposed line of widening of Sudbury Street, there measuring thirty three feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ ; Southwestwardly by the present line of Sudbury Street, sixteen feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; Northeastwardly by the same line, six feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ , and Northeastwardly by the same and land of Ruth Tidd, on an irregular line, sixteen feet and  $\frac{6}{10}$ ; containing four hundred and ninety three square feet and  $\frac{4}{10}$ ; more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Cushing dated June 18<sup>th</sup> 1855, and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Sudbury street, as aforesaid, will amount to Twenty four hundred sixty six  $\frac{7}{10}$  dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of five thousand

doctors. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 8. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 9. 1855.

Fuller.

English,  
Wales.

Petition of Samuel D. Fuller and others; of G. English, of L. Amasa Wales, severally for permission to hire the South Bay Lands, which were recently used by the United States Agricultural Society: were referred to the Committee on South Bay Lands in concurrence.

Clark.

Robinson.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Clark and Brazer for leave to insert windows in the estate at N<sup>o</sup>. 7. Richmond Street, overlooking the Primary School House Estate in that vicinity, Report: That Reuben I. Robinson is the owner of the estate N<sup>o</sup>. 7. Richmond Street. that Clark and Brazer are tenants of said estate. Your Committee would recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, provided said Clark and Brazer will insert windows in the fence, to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. That said Clark and Brazer will not acquire any rights by so doing: Also, that the Committee on Public Buildings may at any time rescind said grant whenever in their opinion it is necessary for the interest of the City. For the Committee, G. I. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence, Nov. 8. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 9. 1855.

Russell.

The Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of Charles Russell and others for the delivery of the Cochituate water to them without the limits of the City, having considered the same, Report: That it is not for the interest of the City to deliver the Cochituate water beyond the limits of the City - your Committee therefore would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Sprague, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 8. Came up concurred.



The Joint Standing Committee on 693.

The Committee on South Bay Lands: South Bay

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sum not exceeding five thousand dollars Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following orders For the Committee, Thomas Sprague. Ordered: That the Joint Special Committee on South Bay Lands be and they are hereby authorized to purchase for the City the fences, sheds and all other erections now standing on the South Bay Lands, so called, and which were erected by the United States Agricultural Society for the purpose of their late Exhibition, provided the same can be had for a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars, = said expense to be charged to the Reserved Fund. Ordered: That the Mayor under the direction of the Committee on South Bay Lands be directed to sign such contracts for the use of said land and enclosures as said Committee may from time to time deem expedient. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Richardson  
vs:  
Boston New York  
Central R.R.

The subject of the damages to Thomas Richardson by the location of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road over his land at foot of Summer Street was taken from the table - and Alderman Joy withdrew so much of his proposed amendment as is designated by **B.** (as on page 118.) To wit, the substitution of "the sum of one dollar for one dollar" and the question then being on inserting at A. the sum of sixty thousand dollars for one dollar as damages, the same was lost by the following vote viz: Yeas - Messinger, Tappin, and Woodman 6. The question then recurring on the passage of the order as originally offered Oct: 22<sup>d</sup> Alderman Joy moved to amend by striking out at C. the words "in the sum of one dollar" where upon the subject was laid upon the table, and the City Solicitor's opinion was ordered to be printed - Subsequently the consideration of the subject was specially assigned for Thursday next at four and a half o'clock, P.M.



Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the first day of October 1855, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Channing Street, the cost of which was Three hundred & Channing six Dollars and eighty two cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred and thirty dollars <sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, November 7, 1855.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the first day of October 1855, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in South Williams Street, the cost of which was Seventy five Dollars and ninety five cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Fifty six dollars <sup>9</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 7, 1855.

The Committee on External Health to whom was referred the Communication of His Honor the Mayor, relative to the sale of the Quarantine Boat, having considered the subject, sub-

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Williams  
Street.

Quarantine  
Boat.

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mit the following Report: That as the present regulations will require the service of two men at Deer Island for boating purposes, and as the Quarantine Boat employs but three - the expense which will be saved is hardly sufficient, in the opinion of your Committee, to warrant a sale of the Boat. Your Committee would also suggest that in case of any accident to the City Steamboat, the quarantine boat would be able to serve in its stead for a limited time, and would save the City the expense of hiring a vessel to do the necessary work between the Island and the City. And should it become necessary, again to establish quarantine regulations similar to those which have been in force for the past few months, much delay and inconvenience would occur to vessels coming to this port in the absence of the Quarantine Boat; for these reasons your Committee recommend that the whole subject of the sale of the "Boat" be placed in the hands of the Committee on External Health to be disposed of as they shall deem best for the interest of the City. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman. Read and accepted.

On motion of Alderman Drew, Alder-

men Drew, Messinger and Cowdin were appointed a Committee to examine the returns of votes given in the several Wards this day for State Officers.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock P.M.



A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the eighth day of November, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

Alderman Dunham, Chairman pro tem, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Washburn.

Twelve Traverse Jurors drawn for the Superior Court.

Petition of Theodore Voelkers that the South Bay Lands be sold to be occupied by Model Houses, as per plan & his design herewith submitted. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred.

Petition of George Odlin that an error in a deed of land to him from the City may be corrected. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of B. F. Prescott and others in aid of the petition of John Sears to exhibit animals in Howard Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Winslow Lewis and others that a portion of the Public Space at the junction of Charles, Pleasant, and Boylston Streets may be enclosed. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Lands consider the expediency of reserving a lot of the City Lands (Public Square) at South Boston, in such part thereof as they may deem for the best interest of the City. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 17. 1855.

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ail.

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council have considered the subject of heating the County Jail, have considered the subject, and beg leave to Report: That they are perfectly satisfied that the present method of heating the jail by stoves is very expensive, and they believe the objects of economy and comfort can be best accomplished by adopting the plan of heating the jail by steam. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, Charles Woodberry. Ordered: That the Committee on the Jail have authority to substitute the plan of warming the jail by steam in place of the present mode, provided, the expense thereof does not exceed the sum of Six thousand dollars, and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk. Accepted, and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 17. 1835.

Turner.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Funds to whom was referred the petition of Job A. Turner, asking of the City a license to borrow money from the City and purchase in East Brookline street, and take mortgages on two of said lots with the buildings thereon, for the amount due on said bonds with interest to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1835 have duly considered the same and would offer the following order. For the Committee, Samuel Appliff, Chairman. Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and requested to execute and deliver to Job A. Turner, warranty deeds for lots, numbering from one to six inclusive, situated on East Brookline Street, upon his surrendering the agreements of sale for said lots given by the City, and upon his executing and delivering to the City two mortgages for five years upon the first two lots and the Buildings thereon with interest payable annually for the amount of his liabilities due the City on account of said lots on the first day of November last and together with two policies of insur-



ance on said lots in the name, and for the benefit of the City of Boston 699.  
to the amount of Seventy nine hundred dollars, said policies to be sold. Nov. 8. 1855.  
and to the Mayor for the time being, and said Turner to exhibit  
satisfactory proof that there is no lien or claim of any nature whatever  
existing upon said lots. received and the order passed. Sent down for  
concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov.  
17. 1855.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the tenth day of Oct. 1855. public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Chestnut and D. Streets, the cost of which was Fourteen hundred & thirty eight dollars and four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Ten hundred and seventy eight dollars  $\frac{53}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 9. 1855.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the third day of July 1854. a common Sewer has been constructed in Clinton Street below Commercial Street, the cost of which was Twenty one hundred and four Dollars and forty eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Fifteen hundred and seventy eight dollars and thirty six cents to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being ben-

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filled as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with  
the same amount as their respective names, as their proportional part  
of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified  
and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid their tenants &c.  
Approved by the Mayor Nov. 9. 1855.

Gohier  
dangerous  
building.

Whereas it appears to this Board that  
a building now being erected at N. 162. Washington Street, six stories in  
height upon an old wall in part at the northeast side, which wall is re-  
presented as unfit and unsafe for said structure and will be dangerous  
to the public safety, it is therefore, Ordered; That the Chief of Police notify  
William Gohier, the owner of said premises, to render the same safe &  
secure in such way and manner as the Superintendent of Public  
(Buildings) may direct, and in the event that said Gohier shall fail  
to make the same secure after due notice, then the Chief of Police is di-  
rected to report forthwith thereafter to this Board.

Spring.

Ordered: That there be paid to C. G.  
Spring 16<sup>th</sup> the sum of Seventy three <sup>56</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to widen  
Congress Street, the same being in addition to the order of June 13. 1855 up-  
on their giving to the City a receipt for the same; and that the same be  
charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor. Nov. 9. 1855.

Intelligence  
Office.

Agreeably to the report of the Commit-  
tee on Licenses Weber and Meilenbach were licensed to keep an Intelli-  
gence Office at 12 Tremont Street on the usual conditions.

Votes.  
Rt. of Com<sup>rs</sup> on.

The Committee appointed to examine  
the returns of votes given in the several Wards of this City on Tuesday last  
for State Officers, Senators and Representatives having attended to that



duly Report: That the returns are properly made and the votes in Gov. 701  
council, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Nov. 8. 1855.  
Attorney General and Senators are correctly recorded in the book kept  
for that purpose. Your Committee recommend that the usual cer-  
tificate of the result be transmitted to the Secretary of State. As the returns  
for the Legislature were not received until a late hour, your Committee  
ask for further time to report thereon. For the Committee, Joseph H. Drew,  
Chairman. Accepted.

The Committee on Water to whom Central  
was referred the petition of John Clifton and others that suitable gateways Square.  
may be made for the enclosure around Central Square, having considered  
the subject, Report: That as the subject properly belongs to the Committee  
on Common and Public Squares, they would recommend the reference of  
the petition to that Committee. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman.  
Read and accepted.

Agreeably to assignment the Board Richardson  
resumed the consideration of the subject of damages to Thomas Richard- New York  
son from the location of the Boston and New York Central Railroad over his Central R.R.  
land at foot of Summer Street, and the question being on the proposed  
amendment of Alderman Joy to strike out at c. the words "in the sum  
of one dollar" it was rejected by the following vote Yeas, Aldermen Cooke,  
Joy, Sprague, Woodbury 4. Nays Aldermen Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould,  
Messinger, Topliff, Woodman, 7. The question then recurring on the passage  
of the order introduced Octoba 22<sup>nd</sup> last it was adopted by the following vote,  
Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Messinger, Sprague,  
Topliff, Woodbury and Woodman 10. Nays, Alderman Joy

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twelfth day of November, Anno Domini, 1855.

The chairman, and all the Aldermen.

Hulden.

Petition of Joseph W. Tarleton and others that lamps be placed in Barry Place, near South Street Place. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Alcott-  
Gilchrist.

Petition of William Alcott, and other members of the Suffolk Bar in favor of granting the petition of D. S. Gilchrist respecting the Indices to the Records of Deeds in Suffolk County. Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

Taylor.

Petition of W. G. Taylor for leave to give a sporting exhibition at Faneuil Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Mayo.  
Davis Street.

Petition of C. F. Mayo and others that the gutters in Davis Street may be paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Merrill.

Petition of William B. Merrill and others that a wooden building in Church Street be moved from the line of said street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Rice.

Petition of Edwin Rice for leave to move a wooden building from Chelsea Street to Saratoga Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Milk-  
Main Street.  
Soyer.  
Sea Street.

Petition of John Milk and others that Main Street may be widened; of Solomon Soyer and others that Sea Street may be widened at estate of Buoncres. Referred to the Committee on Streets.



Petition of A.B. Keith and others that 703.

the rules and regulations respecting the time allowed for vehicles to stand in the streets of the city may be so amended as to permit market wagons to stand in the streets longer than twenty minutes. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Nov. 12, 1855 Keith.

On nomination by the Mayor, Police Thomas Evans was appointed a Police Officer for vicinity of St. Stephens chapel.

On nomination by the Mayor, Auctioneer M. M. Donnell was appointed an Auctioneer of this city.

Petition of Hobbs and Prescott that twelve per cent be allowed them for auction of land at corner of Spring field Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred.

Petition of the Wardens & Vestry of St. Marks Church for leave to purchase a lot of land of the city near Tremont or Springfield Streets. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred. St. Marks church.

Petition of J. D. Hathaway to be allowed damages for breach of his contract with the city. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred. Hathaway.

Petition of Christopher Foster for assistance of the city in the construction of a sewer in Pleasant Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Foster.

Notice from the Town of Chelsea that its citizens on the sixth of November elected a Register of Deeds. on the City of Deeds. Chelsea.

part of that town, was read and placed on file.

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Young.

Petition of J. S. Young for abatement of  
taxes. Referred to the Committee on Affairs Department. Sent down for  
concurrence. Nov. 15. Came up concurred.

North Grove

Street

Clarkman.

West Boston Socy

Whereas in the opinion of the Board  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that North Grove  
Street should be widened, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice  
be given to Mrs. E. J. Clarkman, Miss M. E. Clarkman and George J. Clarkman,  
Heirs of the late Dr. George Clarkman; Also, the West Boston Socy Company, that  
this Board intend to widen the Street before mentioned, by taking a part of  
the land and laying out the same as a public Street and that Monday,  
the Nineteenth day of November current at four o'clock, PM, is assigned  
as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Six Street

Widdowson

Wood.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board,  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Six Street  
should be widened, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given  
to Andrew Harrington and Moses Wood, Jr. that this Board intend to  
widen the Street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land, and lay-  
ing out the same as a public Street and that Monday, the Nineteenth  
day of November current at four o'clock, PM, is assigned as the time  
for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Albion Street

Whereas in the opinion of the Board,  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Village and  
Albion Streets should be extended over land of John Tole, it is therefore  
hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Tole that this Board  
intend to extend the Streets before mentioned, by taking a part of his



land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and  
that Monday, the nineteenth day of November instant at four o'clock, Nov. 12. 1855.  
P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be  
made thereto.

On petition of Thomas Richardson, Richardson  
owner of land in Boston over which the Boston and New York Central and  
New York  
Road Company have located and constructed their railroad praying  
this Board to estimate the damages sustained by him from said loca-  
tion and construction, it is hereby Ordered: That the said Boston and New  
York Central Railroad Company be notified to appear before this Board on  
Monday the Third day of December next at four o'clock, P.M. at which time  
the Board will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for, and  
will also take such other measures in the premises as are by the laws  
of this Commonwealth provided in such cases.

Ordered: That there be paid Butler.  
to Josiah W. Butler the sum of One hundred and eighty Dollars for land  
taken to widen Union Park, near Shawmut Avenue, upon his giving to  
the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for  
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and  
that the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Lands. Sent  
down for concurrence. Nov. 22. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
Nov. 24. 1855.

Ordered, That there be paid to Howe  
John Howe the sum of Thirteen hundred eighteen and <sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land  
taken to widen Union Park, near Shawmut Avenue, upon his giving to  
the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge  
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and  
that the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Lands. Sent  
down for concurrence. Nov. 22 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 24. 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to Wil-

Nov. 12, 1835.

Freestall

liam A. Stowell the sum of Nineteen Hundred Dollars for land taken to widen Walling Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, and that the same be charged to the City Treasurer's Office and Walling Street, ordered by the Mayor, Nov. 13, 1835.

Mount Hope  
Cemetery.

Ordered: That the Committee on

Cemeteries be authorized to confer with the agent or proprietors of the Mount Hope Cemetery to obtain the lowest terms for which said Cemetery can be purchased - to get the refusal of the same for sixty days and to report as soon as convenient to this Board for the further action of the City Council.

J. street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed extension of J. Street said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Wine

Agreeably to notice Leana Crane, Esq.

Sea Street.

appeared and remonstrated against the proposed widening of Sea Street, near Wine Street, by taking his land - after which the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Representatives

The Committee appointed to examine

the returns of votes for Representatives having attended to that duty, Report: That it appears that Edward A. Vase, Harrison Spring, Peter C. Jones, Charles C. Rogers, Charles Hale, John Redman, Charles Emerson, Ward 3; William Blakepeace, Calvin P. Kinds, Elias Merwin, Richard Müller, Stephen Tilton, John W. Rogers, Robert J. Burtank, Noah Spindlin Jr. Charles Gujoe (Ward 3) George Dennie, Isaac W. Frye, Gwynn Brewster, Daniel Hammond, Thom





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within communication from His Honor Mayor Smith in relation to local Acts, would respectfully report that as the Board of Aldermen have taken action through the Committee on Faring in relation to the subject they be discharged from any further consideration of the matter. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15, came up concurred.

South Bay

The common Council having non-

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concurred in the passage of the orders of Nov. 6. touching the proposed purchase of the fences made and other material of the United States Agricultural Society on the South Bay Lands, said action came up for the information of the Board - whereupon the Board having again considered the subject, passed the orders with this amendment at A. (as on page 694) strike out "five" and insert <sup>B</sup> "four". Sent down for concurrence.

James

James

The Joint Standing Committee on

Claims to whom was recommended the orders to pay Charles Chipman twelve hundred and fifty dollars, and S. & H. James three hundred dollars have reconsidered the subject and respectfully report that in their opinion the sum to be paid to Charles Chipman should be twelve hundred and fifty dollars and that the sum to be paid to S. & H. James should be increased to four hundred and fifty dollars. They therefore recommend that the orders should be passed accordingly. For the Committee J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and the question being upon the passage of the order of Oct. 12, 1835. to pay Charles Chipman the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars - Mr. H. H. H. moved to substitute for said sum seventeen hundred dollars: and the Yeas and Nays being required they were taken as follows. Yeas Aldermen Cooke, H. H. H. and Woodbury 3. Nays Aldermen Bowdoin, Drew, Dunham, Gould,



by Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Woodman & so said motion did not prevail. 709.  
Alderman Cooke then moved that the subject be recommended to the Nov. 12. 1855  
Committee on claims with instructions to report the facts in the case -  
and the Yeas and Nays being called for, they were taken as follows  
Yeas - Aldermen Cooke, Joy, Washburn, 3. Nays Aldermen Gordin, Drew, Dun-  
ham, Gould, Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Woodberry, Woodman & so said motion  
did not prevail. Alderman Dunham then moved the passage of the origi-  
nal order and the Yeas and Nays being demanded. they were taken as  
follows - Yeas. Aldermen Gordin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Messinger,  
Sprague, Topliff, Woodberry, Woodman & so said motion did not prevail.  
Washburn 3. So said order was adopted. Sent down for concurrence.  
Nov. 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 17. 1855

On the subject of payment to Ames  
to pay S. H. Ames - the question being on the passage of the order of Oc-  
tober 10<sup>th</sup> with this amendment viz; strike out at **£** (as on page 669) the  
words 'three hundred' and insert 'four hundred and fifty' - the same  
was adopted by the following vote - Yeas - Aldermen Gordin, Drew, Dun-  
ham, Messinger, Sprague, and Woodberry 6. Nays - Aldermen Cooke, Gould,  
Topliff, Washburn, Woodman 5; Alderman Joy was excused from voting  
on this order at his own request; Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 15. Came  
up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 17. 1855

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Nineteenth day  
of November, Anno Domini, 1855.

Resolved,

the Chairman and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Cooke.

Market.

Petition of the occupants of Faneuil Hall  
Market for a renewal of their leases. Referred to the Committee on the  
Market.

Naue.

Petition of George S. Naue and others that  
a lamp be placed and lighted in Briggs Place. Referred to the Committee  
on Lamps.

Bosworth

Petition of B. S. Bosworth and others that  
the sidewalks may be laid in Church Street of James Peck that  
the grade of Commercial Court may be lowered. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Paving.

Appleton.

Complaint of B. B. Appleton's heirs ag-  
ainst the form of a cellar doorway on the North Side of State Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

How.

Petition of Willard How, a tenant

Beal. on the line of the proposed extension of Friend Street for permission to  
Friend Street. return to his old location - and a protest of Henry Beal against the  
proposed extension of Friend Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Simmons

Petition of George W. Simmons that

Shut Lane be widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

for the removal of the old building at the junction of Portland, Travers



and Merrimac Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

711.

Nov. 19, 1858.

Petition of the City Registrar for better and more secure accommodations for his Records. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, sent down for concurrence. Nov. 22, came up concurred.

Petition of the Wardens of the several Wards for an increase of pay for their public services. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 22 came up concurred.

Petition of Willard Phillips respecting the tax assessed on estate of Sarah Nichols, deceased. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 22. Came up concurred.

Petition of Baker & Merrill for abatement of taxes. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 22. Came up concurred.

On nomination by the Mayor, Nathaniel A. Pennoch was appointed a Constable of the City.

Agreeably to notice Samuel Little, Attorney for John Tote, appeared and objected to the proposed extension of Albion Street. Recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power. Tote.

Agreeably to notice Messrs Wood & Harrington appeared and objected to the proposed widening of Sea Street: whereupon the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Agreeably to notice George T. Park-  
 Nov. 19, 1855. man, Esquire appeared for the heirs of George Parkman, deceased, and  
 Parkman objected to the proposal widening of North Gore Street: thereupon the sub-  
 North Gore Street. ject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Chapman  
 Street. Ordered: That the Board accept and  
 Suffolk Street. adopt the revised grade of Chapman Street, between Washington and  
 Streets, proposed by the Assistant City Engineer; the said grades being  
 shown on profiles of the said Chapman and Suffolk Streets, by the said  
 engineer, dated November 19<sup>th</sup> 1855, and deposited in the office of the Board  
 of Aldermen. Approved by the Mayor, November 20, 1855.

Kernick.  
 Beverly Street. On petition of B. S. Kernick and others.  
 Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair so  
 much of Beverly Street, near Fitchburg Railroad Depot as he shall deem  
 expedient, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem  
 necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said  
 Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said  
 Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the  
 City. Approved by the Mayor, November 20, 1855.

Lehigh  
 Street. Ordered. That the Superintendent  
 of Streets be authorized to pave Lehigh Street, from the Worcester Rail-  
 road crossing, to Albany Street, and make such changes in the grade  
 of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all projections  
 and openings into said Street which are contrary to the Ordinances  
 of the City. Approved by the Mayor, November 20, 1855.



Ordered: That the Committee 713.

on claims to and they are hereby authorized to submit to the arbitration of a suitable Board of referees three cases in which the city is directly interested under its deeds of warranty to the defendants in which to be referred, cases the Supreme Court of the United States has decided the law adverse to the defendants, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign under the direction of the Committee, any and all papers necessary for said arbitration. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 22. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, November 24, 1855. Nov. 19, 1855. Lawsuits

On the petition of G. P. Mayo and others. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave the gutter on the northerly side of Davis Street. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 20, 1855. Davis Street.

On the petition of Charles E. Valentine and others. Ordered: that Village Street be and the same hereby is accepted and laid out as a public highway. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 20, 1855. Valentine Village Street.

Whereas Mrs. Malilda Coleman, Wm. S. Moon, Hines, Barney Mulligan and his wife Susan Mulligan have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect buildings on Steel and Moon Streets in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby ordered, That due notice be given to the said Coleman, Hines and Mulligans, who are building on said street, that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon and now building as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public Street - and that Monday, the twenty sixth day of November current, at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time Steel. Moon Street.

714. for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

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Church Street.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board,

Parkman. the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Church Street be widened between Main Street and Union Street it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the heirs of the late George Parkman that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of their land and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the twenty sixth day of November current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Dow.

Ordered: That the bill of David M.

Hatch.

R. Dow, Superintendent of the East Boston and Chelsea Bridge, for work done and materials furnished for repairing said Bridge be audited and allowed when duly approved by the Committee on Bridges - amount Twenty five dollars and forty cents. - Also, the bill of Samuel Hatch, a member of this Board, for Bulbous Roots, purchased for the Public Garden, amounting to eighty dollars and fifty cents; provided the same is duly approved by the Committee on the Common - Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20, 1855.

Laundry

Ordered: That Laundry Street

be called, from Swan Street to a distance of about one hundred and fifty feet from the southerly line of Sixth Street, be and the same hereby is accepted and laid out as a public highway, provided the abuttor therein file with the City Clerk a release from all claims for land or grade damages. Approved by the Mayor, November 20, 1855.



On motion of Alderman Merriam 715

the order of the Common Council which authorized the Committee on Public Buildings to erect a house on the lot adjoining the City Station for the accommodation of the Steam Fire Engine and which order was read on the table Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> last, was taken up and passed in concurrence. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20. 1855. Nov. 19. 1855. Steam Fire engine

The Common Council having recommended the order of this Board of November 12<sup>th</sup> respecting the purchase of the fences, sheds &c. of the United States Agricultural Society which are now standing on the grounds of the City Farm, by striking out at B. for page 703, the word "four" and inserting the word "two". This action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20. 1855. Funds

Ordered: That the Committee on Finance and Accounts be authorized to allow the following bills purchased in contravention of the Ordinance of 23<sup>d</sup> Decr. 1850, for the House of Correction and Industry; provided, the same are duly approved by the authorities who authorized the purchases - viz: - John D. Whitney, one hundred eighty dollars and six cents. Whitney and Kendall, nineteen dollars and thirty nine cents. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20. 1855. Whitney.

The Committee on Finance having duly considered the communication from the Committee on Faring, relating to Faring Street, respectfully recommend to the City Council the passage of the annexed order. For the Committee, J. V. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of five thousand dollars, and that the same be added to the appropriation for Faring &c. to be applied to the paving of Faring Street, between the Worcester Rail Road and Faring Street. Loan. Faring Street.

716 track and Albany Street, in conformity to the recommendation of  
Nov. 19, 1855. the Housing Committee dated 22<sup>d</sup> Oct. last. Read in Common Council,  
Yeas, 35. Nays 0. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred - Yeas,  
Aldermen Gordin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Jay, Messinger, Sprague, Topliff,  
Washburn, Woodbury, Woodman, 11. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20, 1855.

Deer Island. The Committee on Finance having  
duly considered the communication from the Committee on Public  
Buildings of the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, relating to a Sea Wall and other im-  
provements at Deer Island, respectfully recommend to the City Council  
the passage of the annexed order. For the Committee, J. V. C. Smith, Chair-  
man. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to bor-  
row, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of two thous-  
and dollars, and that the same be added to the appropriation for the New  
House of Correction at Deer Island; to be expended in erecting the nec-  
essary fence and outbuildings, and in procuring plans, specifications and  
estimates of the cost of building the proposed Sea Wall around part of  
the Island. Passed in Common Council, Yeas, 35. Nays, none. Came up  
for concurrence. Read and concurred - Yeas, Aldermen Gordin, Drew,  
Dunham, Gould, Jay, Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodbury, Wood-  
man, 11. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, November 20, 1855.

Library. The Committee on the Library, to  
whom was referred the communication of the Trustees of the Public  
Library, asking for additional accommodations, have considered the  
same and by leave to report, that they are informed by the Auditor  
of Accounts, that the appropriation of Nine thousand dollars for Salaries,  
the purchase of Books and Periodicals, Printing, Binding, Fuel, Lights,  
and other expenditure is nearly exhausted. They find that the rooms



appropriated to the Library are already filled to overflowing, so that no 717.  
more books can be placed in them, nor can their capacity be enlarged. Nov. 19. 1835.

The recent munificent present from Mr. Bates of a very large number of books will require that a commodious building should be erected, without delay, where they may be received, opened, aired, covered and catalogued and prepared to take their places upon the shelves of the new Library building, for the immediate use of the community, as soon as that structure shall be completed. The Committee are of opinion, not only that the books would be liable to great damage from the dampness of the present building, but that the public would be unnecessarily and improperly delayed in the use of them, if the necessary arrangement and preparation were deferred until the new building should be ready for occupancy. The Committee are also of opinion, that the present faithful and efficient corps of assistants is entirely inadequate to the increased labor that will be required by the large and constant accretions of books, which will be sure to be made, some of which may soon be expected, and that the Trustees should be supplied with the means to employ a suitable number of persons, possessing the requisite qualifications, such an expenditure was not foreseen and, of course, not provided for in the original appropriation. Three thousand dollars, it is believed, will be needed before the close of the present financial year to meet the extra expenses of the Library, to provide suitable premises, to heat, warm and light the rooms, for use and to pay the number of persons who will be indispensable to prepare the books for circulation, as soon as the new building is finished. The Committee, therefore, recommend that an additional amount of Three Thousand Dollars be granted for the purposes above specified, the same to be transferred from the Reserved Fund. For the Committee, Albert Bowdin, Chairman. Ordered: That an additional amount of Three thousand, dollars be appropriated to the Public Library, for the

718. purposes named in the report of the Committee on the Library herewith  
Nov. 19, 1855. presented, and that the same be transferred from the Reserved Fund.  
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with this amendment at A. insert "and fifty" - Yeas, Aldermen Bowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Jr., Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Washburn, Woodberry, Woodman 11. Nays, none. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 22<sup>d</sup> Came up concurred, Yeas 32. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 24, 1855.

Pearson Street  
Square.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that a portion of the public highway at the junction of Pearson, Bayston and Charles Streets should be discontinued as a highway and enclosed as a public square, having an area of about six hundred square feet, (as per plan in the office of the said Board of Aldermen), it is hereby Ordered: That public notice be given to all persons interested, that this Board intend to discontinue the portion of the highway aforesaid, and that Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Militia

A communication was received from the Adjutant General stating that there is due to certain individuals mentioned therein the sum of nine dollars each pursuant to a resolve of the Legislature dated May 17, 1855. Read and thereupon it was Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to each individual whose name is borne upon the roll received from the Adjutant General's Office and dated Nov. 15, 1855, the sum of nine dollars pursuant to the provisions of a resolve of the Legislature dated May 17, 1855 the amount to be charged to the appropriation for Militia Bounty. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20, 1855.



On petition of Mary Emerson that  
a post may be placed at the corner of Shawmut Street and Cleveland  
Place, the Committee on Paving reported that it is not expedient to take  
any action in the premises. Accepted.

On petition of Emory B. Day & others, May  
that Summer Street be re-numbered, the Committee on Paving reported Summer Street  
that the measure is inexpedient at the present time. Accepted.

On petition of Massachusetts General Hospital that the City would construct the sidewalks in Allen  
Street and Blossom Street; the Committee on Paving reported a reference  
of the same to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

On petition of John Frederken Jr, & Frederken.  
others, that the sidewalks in Irving Street may be laid in brick the Com-  
mittee on Paving reported that the petitioners were to withdraw. Ac-  
cepted.

On petition of William C. Johnson Johnson.  
and others for additional lamps at corner of Traverse and Portland Streets,  
the Committee on Lamps reported, that as the locality is well lighted,  
the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of H. W. Suler and others, Suler.  
that a sidewalk in Church Street, between Fayette and Tremont Streets, Church Street,  
be relaid, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read  
and accepted.

Resolved, That the safety and T. Street.  
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that T. Street should Clapp.  
be extended, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a

720. public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to Richard Clapp bounded as follows viz: Northwestwardly by the southerly line of the proposed extension of S. Street, there measuring seventy five feet; Northeastwardly by the present line of termination of S. Street, twenty five feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Southeastwardly by land of William Clapp, seventy five feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  and Southwestwardly by Goddard Street, (formerly North Street) twenty five feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , containing one thousand eight hundred and eighty one square feet, more or less. Also another parcel belonging to William Clapp bounded as follows viz: Northwestwardly by land of Richard Clapp, there measuring seventy five feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Northeastwardly by the present line of termination of S. Street, twenty five feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Southeastwardly by the southerly line of the proposed extension of S. Street, seventy six feet, and Southwestwardly by Goddard Street (formerly North Street) twenty five feet &  $\frac{1}{2}$ : containing one thousand eight hundred and ninety four square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore ordered, That the parcels of land here described be, and the same hereby are taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said city according to a plan of the said extension made by James Wade dated November 6, 1853 and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of extending the said S. Street, as aforesaid, will amount to nine hundred forty three \$<sup>00</sup> dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20. 1853

Toster

On the petition of Christopher Toster for abatement of a nuisance in the



mont square, the committee on Internal Health reported that the  
petitioner have leave to withdraw: Read and accepted.

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Ordered: That the sum of eighty  
eight dollars and fifty cents applied upon and charged to the  
fiscal part of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Hook and  
Hendon streets and the same is hereby ordered and the same is  
now applied upon the tax of Henry Johnson and wife because  
of the State. - Approved by the Mayor, November 20, 1855.

Resolved, That the safety and  
convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Village street  
should be extended and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay  
out as a public street or way of the said city, two parcels of land belong-  
ing to Margaret M. Nelson - bounded as follows, viz: First - Northwestward-  
ly by the northerly line of the proposed extension of Village street,  
there measuring forty five feet and  $\frac{100}{100}$ ; Northeastwardly by Castle Street,  
forty feet and  $\frac{100}{100}$ ; Southeastwardly by the southeasterly line of the proposed  
extension of Village street, forty five feet and  $\frac{100}{100}$ ; and Southwestwardly by  
Gardiner Street, forty feet and  $\frac{15}{100}$ : containing one thousand eight hundred  
and seven square feet, more or less. Second - Northwestwardly by the  
northwesterly line of the proposed extension of Village street, there meas-  
uring forty three feet and  $\frac{67}{100}$ ; Southwardly by Gardiner Street, forty  
feet and  $\frac{15}{100}$ ; and easterly by the southeasterly line of the proposed  
extension of Village street, forty five feet and  $\frac{100}{100}$ ; and Southwardly  
by the present line of termination of Village street, forty feet and  $\frac{15}{100}$ : con-  
taining one thousand seven hundred and sixty five square feet, more or  
less. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of the Board  
to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by

Village  
Street  
Nelson.

722. the return hereunto annexed; It is therefore Ordered, That the parcels of  
Nov. 19. 1855. land before described be, and the same hereby are taken and laid out as  
a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said  
extension made by Henry S. McKeon dated November 19<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited  
in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge  
that the expense of extending the said Village Street, as aforesaid, will  
amount to Twelve hundred and eighty six dollars: which sum togeth-  
er with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances  
in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum  
of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20. 1855.

Albion Street.

Resolved, That the safety and conveni-

ence of the Inhabitants of the City require that Albion Street should be extend-  
ed and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public

Elder.

street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Mary Ann Elder -  
bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the northwesterly line of the pro-  
posed extension of Albion Street, there measuring forty six feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; North-  
eastwardly by Castle Street forty feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; Southeastwardly by the south-  
easterly line of the proposed extension of Albion Street, forty five feet and  $\frac{4}{5}$ ;  
and Southwestwardly by Gardner Street forty feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; containing one  
thousand eight hundred and nine square feet and  $\frac{4}{5}$ , more or less. Also a

Foote.

parcel of land belonging to John Foote, bounded as follows, viz: Northwest-  
wardly by the northwesterly line of the proposed extension of Albion Street,  
there measuring forty one feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; Northeastwardly by Gardiner Street,  
three feet; Southeastwardly by the land of George H. Gardiner hereinafter  
described, forty one feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ , and Southwestwardly by the present line  
of termination of Albion Street, seven feet and  $\frac{4}{5}$ ; containing two hund-  
red and twenty square feet and  $\frac{4}{5}$ , more or less. Also a parcel of land belong-

Gardiner.

ing to George H. Gardiner, bounded as follows - viz: Northwestwardly by the



last above described parcel, there measuring forty one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; North- 723  
easterly by Guelina Street thirty seven feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Southeastwardly by Nov. 19. 1855.  
the southeasterly line of the proposed extension of Albion street, forty two feet  
and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Southwestwardly by the present line of termination of Albion  
Street thirty two feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ : containing one thousand four hundred and  
sixty four square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given  
of the intention of this Board to take the said parcels of land for the purpose  
aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Order-  
ed, That the parcels of land before described be, and the same hereby are  
taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according  
to a plan of the said extension made by Henry S. Mc Kean, dated November  
19<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And  
this Board doth adjudge that the expense of extending the said Albion Street,  
as aforesaid, will amount to Seventeen hundred forty six dollars: which  
sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discon-  
tinuances in said Street, during the present municipal year, does not ex-  
ceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20. 1855.

Resolved, That the safety and con- New street  
venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that a street should be from F. Street  
laid out from F. Street to Dorchester Street, and for that purpose it is nec- to Dorchester  
essary to lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of street.  
land belonging to the said City. bounded as follows, viz: Northeastwardly  
by the northeasterly line of the proposed Street being a line parallel with  
and distant one hundred and thirty seven feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Southwestwardly  
from the southwestly line of Seventh Street, there measuring two hundred  
and sixty one feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Northwestwardly by the southeasterly line of  
F. Street, forty feet; Southwestwardly by the southwestly line of the proposed  
street, being a line parallel with, and distant forty feet southwestwardly from

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the said northeasterly line, two hundred and forty nine feet and  $\frac{9}{100}$ ; and southeasterly by the southeasterly line of the said lot, forty one feet and  $\frac{12}{100}$ ; containing ten thousand two hundred and thirty six square feet, more or less. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the same made by James Slade dated November 6<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of making the said street, as aforesaid, will amount to nothing. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20, 1855.

Sea street -  
Harrington.

Resolved: That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Sea street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Andrew Harrington - bounded as follows, viz: Westwardly by the proposed line of widening of Sea Street, there measuring twenty-one feet and  $\frac{12}{100}$ ; Northwardly by the present line of the said street, eight feet and  $\frac{37}{100}$ ; Eastwardly by the same, twenty-one feet and  $\frac{3}{100}$ ; and Southwardly by the same, nine feet and  $\frac{6}{100}$ ; containing one hundred and ninety-four square feet and  $\frac{33}{100}$ , more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by James S. M<sup>r</sup> Kean dated November 14<sup>th</sup> 1855 and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Sea street, as aforesaid, will amount to two hundred eighty two dollars: which sum together the amount of es-



amounts of previous alterations or discontinuances in Grid Sheet, during 725.

the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five Nov. 19, 1855.  
thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, November 20, 1855.

Ordered: That in all matters county  
coming before this Board on and after the first of next January, not ex- Commissioners  
clusively the business of said City, to be entertained, heard, adjudged or deter- pay of  
mined by virtue of the powers conferred on this Board by the 29<sup>th</sup> Section  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and the 33<sup>d</sup> Section of the 448<sup>th</sup>  
Chapter of the Acts and Resolves of 1854 - the members of this Board and  
the clerk thereof shall be entitled to, and receive the same compensa-  
tion allowed to the County Commissioners in other Counties of the Com-  
monwealth for performing like duties, and to be paid in the same man-  
ner. Read and laid on the table.

Alderman Washburn called Friend  
up from the table in order of notice for the discontinuance of Grid  
Sheet, as laid out July 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and he moved the adoption of the  
same by Yeas and Nays, which were taken as follows, viz: Yeas, Aldermen  
Drew, Topliff and Washburn - 3. Nays - Aldermen Bowdin, Dunham, Gould,  
Joy, Mespinger, Sprague, Woodberry and Woodman. 8. So said motion did  
not prevail.

Alderman Washburn then mov. Kneeland  
ed to take from the table the orders for the discontinuance of Kneeland Street -  
First and his acceptance of being done with the aid of the Mayor and Aldermen  
on - and the Yeas and Nays being called for they were taken as follows,  
viz: - Yeas - Aldermen Drew, Gould, Joy, Washburn, Woodman. 5. Nays, Al-  
dermen Dunham, Mespinger, Sprague, Topliff, Woodberry - 5. So said motion  
did not prevail. There were absent at the time of this vote. Aldermen Bow-  
din and Bowdin.

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Alderman  
resigns.

After the declaration of the foregoing votes (Alderman Topliff being in the chair; Alderman Washburn rose and submitted to the Board the resignation of the office held by him as a member of the Board of Aldermen. Read and laid on the table: and the Board

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Twenty first day of November, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn, Sprague and Woodberry

Washburn

On motion of Alderman Woodman the resignation of Alderman Washburn was taken from the table and was accepted by the Board:—

Chairman

And thereupon the Board having proceeded to ballot for a Chairman in place of Alderman Washburn, resigned, it appeared that the whole number of ballots was nine. Necessary for choice 5 Josiah Dunham 4. had 7. Charles T. Woodman 1. Joseph Drew 1. Alderman Dunham having the necessary number was accordingly elected: and he took his seat as Chairman of the Board.

Chipman.

Petition of George W. Chipman for use of third room in Ward No. 3. for Sunday School purposes on the Sabbath. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with full power. Sent down



for concurrence. November twenty-second. Came up concurred. 727.

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The City Solicitor, pursuant to an order of this Board, submitted his opinion that notwithstanding the recent amendment to the Constitution of this State, the City could legally contribute to the support of Adult Evening Schools from any moneys, if it have such at its command which are not used for taxation. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Adult  
Evening  
Schools.  
Solicitor's  
opinion.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred an order from the School Committee concerning the care of Primary School Houses having considered the same report that the request of the School Committee as expressed in the order should be complied with, and we therefore recommend that the City Council should resume the care of the Primary School Houses: and repeal the annual appropriation of Twenty five dollars to each Primary School Teacher. In the Committee, C. J. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 22. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 24, 1855.

Primary  
School Houses.  
order of.

On nomination by the Mayor, Nathaniel A. Hordery was appointed a Police Officer for protection of the property of the Boston and Baltimore Steam Ship Company.

Police.

Nathaniel A. Hordery from the Committee appointed to consider the application of William H. Cunningham for benefit of the Franklin Fund, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner with the sureties offered by him. Accepted.

Franklin  
Fund.

Approved by the Committee, James Stade, City Engineer, Nathaniel H. Crafts was appointed Assistant City Engineer.

William  
City Engineer.

728. City Engineer in place of Henry S. M<sup>r</sup> Keun, resigned - said appointment  
Nov. 21, 1855. to take effect from and after December first next.

Market  
Committee. Alderman Woodberry was appointed on  
the Standing Committee on the Market in place of Alderman Washburn

School  
Committee. A message was received from the School  
Committee stating that the following vacancies exist in that body, viz: one  
in Ward 6, caused by resignation of Charles Thacher - one in Ward 10, caused  
by the decease of Henry Willard - one in Ward 12, caused by the resignation  
of Calvin Damon; and also that one will occur at the close of the present  
Municipal Year by the resignation of Enoch Blummer. Read and placed on  
file.

Warrants  
for Ward  
meetings. Ordered: That Warrants be issued  
for meetings of the legal voters of this City in their respective Wards on Mon-  
day the tenth day of December next at eight o'clock, A.M., then and  
there to give in their ballots for one person being an inhabitant of said City,  
to constitute the Board of Aldermen for the same year. Also for twelve  
persons also inhabitants of said City to constitute the Board of Aldermen  
for the same year. Also at the same time and place to give in their  
ballots for a Warden, Clerk, Five Inspectors of Elections, Two members of  
the School Committee to serve three years, Four members of the Common  
Council, and one Overseer of the Poor, said officers to be inhabitants of said  
City and resident in their respective Wards. Also calling upon the voters  
in Ward 1 to elect in their ballots for one member of the School Committee  
in place of Charles Putnam resigned, and the voters in Ward 10 to elect a  
member of the School Committee in place of Henry Willard, deceased;  
and the voters of Ward No 12 to elect a member of the School Committee  
in place of Calvin Damon resigned; and the voters of Ward No 6 to elect



a member of the School Committee for one year from the first Monday 729  
in January next, in place of Enoch Plummer, resigned. The foregoing to  
be voted for or not. The Court be kept open until five o'clock P.M. vote given 734.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty  
sixth day of November, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Josiah Quincy and Quincy  
others that Clinton Street and a part of Commercial Street may be  
numbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of M. Field Fowler for Fowler  
leave to erect and run a steam engine at the City Hall. Referred  
to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Petition of Margaret M. Nelson, Nelson  
and of Mary Ann Elder severally to be paid for land taken to extend  
Public Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

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land for leave to give theatrical entertainments at the Howard M<sup>useum</sup>. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Jury.

Six Grand and Five Petit Juries

were drawn for the United States District Court.

Hilton

Petition of John Hilton for leave

to give a Sparring Exhibition at Cochituate Hall on the first week in December. Referred to the Committee on Licenses

Howard.

Petition of Gayd Howard for the

relief of the Village Place drain. Referred to the Committee on Sewers

Chaumont Av:

The Superintendent of Sewers pre-

Third Street

River Street.

sented to the Board a plan of a sewer for construction in Chaumont Avenue south of Concord Street, in Third Street east of G. Street and in River Street north of Chestnut Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Moore

Petition of Sarah C. Moore to be re-

imbursed the expenses of an illness induced while in discharge of her duties as a school Teacher. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred.

Hudson

Petition of Benjamin Pradeen to be

compensated for injuries sustained by him in Sudbury Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred.



On petition of George Parker 731

for leave to change the burners on the street Gas-Pumps, reported, that Nov. 26. 1855.  
as he has made no arrangement for new burners, no action is required thereon. Read and accepted. Parker.

The committee on Cemeteries Hamblen

to whom was referred the petition of David Hamblen and others for a new sheet from Washington Street to the southeast corner of the South Burying Ground reported that they had considered the subject and they recommend its reference to the Committee on Public Lands in connection with the Committee on Cemeteries. Read, accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred.

On the petition of Charles G. Nazro Nazro

and others the use of Faneuil Hall Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> was granted to them for a political meeting Faneuil Hall

The committee to whom was referred Parks

the petition of Luther Parks, Jr. and others; also the petition of Nathaniel Curr, for the widening of Dover and Washington Streets; Agreed: That the Committee have had the subject under consideration and have had two several hearings of the petitioners attended by able council. Dover Street, at the point where the petitioners desire said Street to be widened, is fifty feet in width, and Washington Street fifty five feet; by taking five feet from the lot on Dover Street and six feet on Washington Street, it would improve the symmetry of both Streets but would not add any width to the travel of either Street. Your Committee are of the opinion that the 'public safety and convenience' does not require that said Streets should be widened at the place designated in said petition. Hence the committee would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions for the Committee, G. J. Woodman, Chairman. Read and accepted. Curr and Washington streets.

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Foster.

ferred the petition of William Foster for compensation for land taken to widen Summer Street - Report: That Mr. Foster entered into an agreement with the City in the year 1840 to the effect that whenever his dwelling house should be used for any other purpose than a dwelling, he would convey to the City in fee simple all the land lying between Summer Street and a prospective line of widening referred to in said agreement. The petitioner admits that he had "occasion" to alter his house into a store; also, that he had matured his plans and contracts for a swell front, and proceeded with the work for about a month without giving notice to the City of his intentions. By the City's carrying out the said widening Mr. Foster says his contractor brought in a heavy bill for extra work, for which he asks remuneration. Your Committee are of the opinion that had Mr. Foster given notice of his intention to build, he would not have "occasion" at this time to call upon the City to pay him for his neglect. In conclusion your Committee would recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. For the Committee, C. J. Woodman, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Mount Hope  
Cemetery.

The Committee on Cemeteries to whom

was referred the order of this Board relative to Mount Hope Cemetery, beg leave to report: that they have received a written communication from the agent of the proprietors of Mount Hope Cemetery which they now present in which it will appear that the proprietors are disposed to purchase a quantity of City Lands under certain restrictions to an amount of the whole or part of the cost of the Cemetery, should the purchase of said Cemetery be agreed on by the City. In order, therefore to have this proposition fully considered they submit the following order. For the Committee, J. H. Messinger, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on Public Lands be joined to the Committee on Cemeteries in considering the subject of the Mount Hope Cemetery.



logy and the communication of the agent relative thereto and report 733  
on the subject as soon as convenient. Read, accepted and the order passed. Nov. 26, 1855  
Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
Dec. 8, 1855

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Hobbs and Prescott, Hobbs & Prescott  
having duly considered the same, would submit the following order. For  
the Committee, Samuel Toppliff, Chairman. Ordered: That the City Treasurer  
be and he is hereby instructed to refund to Messrs Hobbs and Prescott the  
sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars, the same being the twenty per  
cent to which they are entitled for having erected dwelling houses on lots  
Nos 101 and 102 Springfield Street as per agreement of sale. Passed. Sent  
down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor,  
Dec. 8, 1855

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Theodore Voelkers, that Voelkers  
the South Bay Lands be occupied by Model Houses, would submit the fol-  
lowing Report: That the land mentioned in said petition is not under the  
direction of the Committee on Public Lands, they therefore recommend its  
reference to the Committee on South Bay Lands. For the Committee, Sam-  
Toppliff, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up  
concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of A. W. Fudd for leave Fudd  
to purchase a portion of land east of Harrison Avenue, would submit  
the following Report: That the land asked for is not under the direction  
of the Committee on Public Lands, they therefore recommend that said peti-  
tion be referred to the Committee on South Bay Lands. For the Committee, Samuel  
Toppliff, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred.

757  
Nov. 26, 1855. by the Massachusetts School for Idiots on Eighth Street, the Committee on  
Mass: School Streets report that no action is necessary as to the lines of said street,  
for Idiots. but that the subject of grade be referred to the Committee on Paving. Ac-  
cepted.

Nov. 26, 1855. The Bond of Nathaniel A. Pennock  
as a Constable of the City was approved by the Board.

Nov. 26, 1855. The lease of room N<sup>o</sup> 18, Old State House  
to Anson Burlingame for two years and three months from January 1, 1855,  
at a rent of one hundred and twenty five dollars per annum was approv-  
ed by the Board.

Nov. 26, 1855. Warrants  
for Ward meetings. On motion of Alderman Gould, the  
Board reconsidered the vote of Nov. 21. whereby Warrants were ordered to  
be issued for the Municipal Election, and the order having been amended  
by substituting four o'clock as the hour for closing the Polls instead of five,  
the order was again passed by the Board.

Pleasant Street  
Square. No person appearing to object to the  
proposed discontinuance of a portion of Pleasant Street, at its junction with  
Charles and Boylston Streets, for the purpose of forming a Public Square  
at that spot, the subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with  
full power.

Nov. 26, 1855. Parkman -  
Church Street. Agreeably to notice George B. Parkman,  
lawyer for heirs of George Parkman appeared and objected to the proposed wid-  
ening of Church Street - whereupon the subject was recommitted to the Com-  
mittee on Streets with full power.

Nov. 26, 1855. Moon Street.  
Williams, Hyne, and others. Agreeably to notice Mrs. Mulligan,  
William Williams, and Mr. Hyne appeared and objected to the proposed  
widening of Moon Street, - whereupon the subject was recommitted to the



Committee on Streets with full power.

735.

Ordered: That there be paid to Rich<sup>d</sup> Nov. 26, 1855

and Clapp the sum of four hundred seventy and <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken Clapp  
to extend F. street, (eighteen hundred and ninety four square feet at twenty F. Street.  
five cents per foot) upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and  
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in  
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appro-  
priation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor.

Nov. 27, 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to William Clapp.

Clapp the sum of four hundred seventy three <sup>3</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to F. Street.  
to extend F. street, (eighteen hundred and eighty one square feet at twenty  
five cents per foot) upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and  
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in  
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appro-  
priation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, Nov.

27, 1855.

Ordered: That a Joint Special Com<sup>tee</sup> Juneau Hall

mittee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of revising any Market.  
and all Ordinances relating to Juneau Hall Market and the sale of pro-  
visions within the City; also to consider the expediency of providing more  
ample accommodations for the sale of provisions within the City. Passed  
in Common Council, and Messrs Suter, Severance and Tyler were appoint-  
ed on said Committee. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred,  
and Aldermen Drew and Joy were joined. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 27.

1855.

The Common Council Having refer<sup>d</sup> Ordinances.

ed to the Committee on Cities the order of the Council to pay chairman of  
the Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances the sum of Four hundred Com<sup>tee</sup> order on day of

736 and sixty five dollars - said action came up for concurrence. Read and  
Nov. 26, 1855 concurred.

Dr. Titus.

Ordered: That the Committee on Institutions be authorized to report in print on the subject matter referred to them. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. - Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 27, 1855.

Assessors

Department

Clerk hire.

Ordered: That in addition to the amount already authorized there be appropriated for Clerk hire in the Assessors' Department, the sum of eight hundred dollars, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concurrence. Dec 6. Came up concurred.

Phillips.

Nichols.

The committee on the Assessors' Department to whom was referred the communication of Willard Phillips respecting a tax assessed upon Sarah Nichols, deceased, report the accompanying order. For the committee, Benj<sup>m</sup> A. Cooke, Chairman. Ordered: That the tax assessed upon Sarah Nichols, (deceased) prior to May first now last past, be transferred and assessed upon her estate (Willard Phillips, Executor) - and that such proper entries be made as shall save all parties from other than proper legal liabilities pursuant to Chap. 234. Stat. 1852. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 8, 1855.

Eighth Street.

J. Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Eighth Street from Dorchester Street to J. Street: - also the extension of J. Street to Goddard Street. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 27, 1855.



Ordered: That the sum of twenty 737

seven dollars be, and the same is hereby deduced from the assessment Nov. 26, 1855.  
laid upon Richard Locke for his proportion of the cost of constructing the  
common Sewer in Cotton Street; and that said amount be, and hereby  
is assessed upon Moses Merrifield for his proportion of the cost of constructing  
said Common Sewer. Approved by the Mayor, November 27, 1855  
Locke.

Ordered: That the sum of sixteen Eaton

dollars and seventy nine cents assessed by an order of this Board upon  
Egmond Eaton for his proportion of the cost of constructing the Common Sew-  
er in Shawmut Avenue and Arnold Street, be and the same is hereby  
abated, - and said amount is hereby assessed upon Mary J. Leverett,  
she being the owner of the estate. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 27, 1855

Ordered: That the salaries of the Superior

Judges and Clerks, and all other expenses of the Superior Court for the  
County of Suffolk established by the Legislature of 1850, Chap. 444, be paid  
out of the City Treasury in conformity with the provisions of said act and  
that the amount paid be changed to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Aldermen Drew and Sprague were com<sup>rs</sup> on

appointed a Committee to examine the returns of votes given in this day  
for a Representative to the next General Court.  
Votes.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at eleven o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Twenty eighth  
day of November, - Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Messenger,  
Cowdin and Joy.

Jurors.

Thirty five Traverse Jurors drawn for the  
supreme judicial court.

Business.

Petition of J. B. Adams for leave to give  
Exhibitions of Dissolving Views at Cochituate Hall, on Thanksgiving day.  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses with full power.

Sanford

Badger.

Petition of William H. Sanford to be paid  
for land taken to widen Washington Avenue; of Daniel D. Badger to be  
paid for land taken to widen Blackstone Street. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Streets.

Burlingame.

Petition of Benjamin Burlingame for leave  
to move a wooden building from Maltham Street to South May Street. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Representative.

The Committee appointed to examine the  
returns of votes given in the several Wards on the twenty sixth instant, for  
one Representative to complete the number of forty four as determin-  
ed by the City Council, find that the returns are properly made and  
that the votes are correctly recorded in the Book kept for that purpose:  
from which it appears that Charles C. Conley having a plurality of  
votes is chosen. For the Committee, Joseph L. Drew, Chairman. Accepted, and  
the City Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Conley of his election.



Whereas this Board, by a Resolve 739.

passed the 19<sup>th</sup> of November instant took a certain parcel of land, therein. Nov. 28. 1855.  
described, lying on Sea Street and laid out the same as a public Sea Street  
street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given Harrington.  
on to Andrew Harrington and Moses Hood Jr. and all other persons Wood.  
interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said  
land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings,  
erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over  
the line of said Sea Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and  
surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the  
first day of December now next ensuing. And in default thereof,  
the Chief of Police is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to en-  
ter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstruc-  
tions standing on and projecting over the line of said Sea Street, as  
established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, remov-  
ed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line,  
and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the di-  
rection of the Committee on laying out and widening streets.

The Committee on Public Buildings Williams  
to whom was referred the petition of B. W. Williams for use of the Primary  
School room in East Orange Street for Sabbath School purposes, having con-  
sidered the same report that the room be granted according to the request of  
the petitioner. For the Committee, G. J. Woodman. Read and accepted sent  
down for concurrence. Sec. 6. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor.  
Dec. 8. 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to Field, Field.  
Converse & Co the sum of Twelve hundred and ninety six <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for Converse & Co

740. and taken to widen North Street, in the name of Darius Wellington at  
Nov. 28, 1855. the time of said taking May 1, 1854, upon their giving to the City a Deed  
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs  
and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charg-  
ed to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widen-  
ing Streets. Approved by the Mayor, November 28, 1855.

Comm.  
Sea Street.

Resolved, That the safety and conven-  
ience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Sea Street should be wid-  
ened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a pub-  
lic street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Lurra-brano  
bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the proposed line of widening  
of Sea Street, there measuring twenty two feet; Northeastwardly by land  
of Eber Parker, one foot and  $\frac{22}{100}$ ; Southeastwardly by the present line of Sea  
Street, twenty two feet; and Southwestwardly by land now or late of M<sup>rs</sup>  
Mamus, one foot and  $\frac{38}{100}$ ; containing twenty eight square feet and  $\frac{6}{10}$ ,  
more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this  
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears  
by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of  
land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as  
a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said  
widening made by C. E. Knapp dated Dec. 20, 1853, and deposited in  
the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge  
that the expense of widening the said Sea Street, as aforesaid, will amount  
to Thirty dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of fu-  
ture alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present  
municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor, November 28, 1855.



Resolved, That the safety and 711.

convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Cove Street should Nov. 20. 1853.

be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a lane. public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Maria Cove Street. lane. bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of Cove Street, there measuring twenty two feet and  $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Northeastwardly by land of the same, is of a foot; Northwardly by the present line of Cove Street, twenty two feet and  $\frac{5}{8}$ ; and Southwestwardly by land now or late of M<sup>rs</sup> Manus  $\frac{7}{8}$  of a foot: containing twelve square feet and  $\frac{8}{10}$ , more or less.

And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, it is hereby ordered, that the parcel, and here described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chesbrough dated Dec. 30. 1853. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Cove street, as aforesaid, will amount to Thirteen dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20. 1853.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that North Grove Street should be widened, at for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a

public street or way of the said City, two parcels of land belonging to Mrs. C. N. Parkman, J. N. Parkman, and George F. Parkman - bounded as follows, viz: First - Eastwardly by the proposed line of widening of North Grove Street, there measuring sixty six feet and  $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Northwardly by Fruit Street twelve feet and  $\frac{25}{100}$ ; Westwardly by the present line of North Grove Street,

vide May 26. 1856.

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Nov. 28. 1855. sixty-six feet and  $\frac{48}{100}$ , and Southwardly by Vine Street, twelve feet and  $\frac{15}{100}$ ; containing eight hundred and nine square feet and  $\frac{4}{10}$ , more or less. Second Eastwardly by the proposed line of widening of North Grove Street, there measuring seventy-five feet and  $\frac{60}{100}$ ; Northwardly on a passageway and by the Medical College Estate, twelve feet and  $\frac{54}{100}$ ; Westwardly in part by a line parallel to the proposed line of widening, and in part by the present line of North Grove Street, on an irregular line twenty-six feet and  $\frac{90}{100}$ , and Southwardly by Fruit Street eight feet and  $\frac{72}{100}$ ; containing eight hundred and forty-eight square feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ , more or less. And Whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcels of land before described be, and the same hereby are, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by James Stade, City Engineer, dated Nov. 20. 1855. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said North Grove street, as aforesaid, will amount to Twelve hundred dollars which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor,  
Nov. 20. 1855.

Pleasant Street  
Square.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that a portion of the public highway at the junction of Pleasant, Boylston and Charles streets should be discontinued as a public street or way of the said City, and enclosed as a Public Square; to be called Park Square, the said portion being located and bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by a line drawn from the southeasterly corner of Boylston and Pleasant Streets to the southwesterly corner of the same, measuring on said line eighteen feet and  $\frac{2}{10}$ ; Northwestwardly



by a curve of six feet radius, ten feet and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; easterly by a straight line 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet  
tangent to the said curve twenty feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; southerly by a curve of six feet radius  
tangent to the last above described line, fourteen feet  
southeasterly by a straight line tangent to the last above described  
curve twenty six feet and southerly by a curve of six feet radius tangent  
to the first and last above described lines, thirteen feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ : containing six  
hundred and ninety six square feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , more or less. The said discon-  
tinued portion being so located as to admit of a roadway of at least thirty  
three feet in width on the easterly and westerly sides of the same. And Whereas,  
due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to discontinue  
the said portion of the highway aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto  
annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the portion of the highway before de-  
scribed be, and the same hereby is, discontinued as a public street or way  
of the said city and is to be a public square according to a plan  
of the same made by C. S. Chesbrough dated May 4<sup>th</sup> 1855. and deposited  
in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. Approved by the Mayor,  
Nov. 28. 1855.

The Committee on Public Buildings Wilson  
ings to whom was referred the petition of J. N. Wilson and others for the  
use of Ward Room No. 11 on Sunday evenings for Temperance meetings, having  
considered the same report that leave to use the room be granted.  
For the Committee, C. J. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for  
concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 8. 1855.

The Committee on Public Buildings Reeder  
ings to whom was referred the petition of Reeder and Barker for use of  
room in the Old Winthrop School House for an evening school, having  
considered the same report that leave to use the room be granted. For the  
Committee, C. J. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

744 Dec. 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, December 8, 1855

Nov. 28, 1855.

Chipman.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of George W. Chipman for use of Ward room ~~the for dining room purposes~~ having considered the same report that the prayer of the petition be granted. For the Committee, C. J. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 8, 1855.

Way.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Samuel A. Way to sell a lot of land to the City, having considered the same report that the interest of the City does not require the purchase of the lot of land in question, therefore the ~~petitioner be~~ ~~draw to withdraw his communication.~~ For the Committee C. J. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred.

Maxfield

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of James Maxfield for payment of damages sustained to his stable in the erection of a ~~sewer~~ ~~sewer~~ ~~at~~ ~~that~~ ~~distance~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~place~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~distance~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~drawn~~ ~~to~~ ~~withdraw~~. For the Committee, C. J. Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred.

Shawmut

Avenue.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty ninth day of October 1855 a Common Sewer has been constructed in Shawmut Avenue, the cost of which was One Hundred and fifteen Dollars and seventy two cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains eighty six dollars <sup>72</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are



charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, 745.

as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer and the same Nov. 28. 1855.

is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, November 28. 1855

Whereas pursuant to an Order of River  
this Board, passed on the twenty second day of October 1855 a Common Sewer Street  
has been constructed in River Street the cost of which was Two hundred  
and eight Dollars and sixty eight cents, one quarter part whereof being  
deducted to be paid by the said City, there remains One hundred and fifty  
six dollars  $\frac{91}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to  
law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule  
hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby  
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective  
names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and  
the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties  
aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor, November 28, 1855

Whereas pursuant to an Order of Third  
this Board, passed on the twenty ninth day of October 1855. public notice Third  
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed  
in Third Street east of G Street, the cost of which was One hundred and  
thirty one Dollar and fifty five cents, one quarter part whereof being de-  
ducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Ninety eight dollars  
 $\frac{66}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It  
is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto an-  
nexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged  
and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as  
their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same

746 is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid,  
and the same to be signed by the Mayor, November 28, 1855.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of  
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the Thirtieth  
day of November, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Topliff, Gould,  
and Woodman.

On Motion that the same be

so ordered.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Third day of December, Anno Domini, 1835.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Petition of O. E. Dodge, and others, Dodge  
that a sidewalk be laid on East Canton Street between Mystic and Washington Streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Jarvis D. Phaman and Phaman  
others for Gas Lamps in Chestnut Street west of Charles Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of George A. Gardiner to Gardiner  
be paid for land taken to extend Village and Albion Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Nathaniel Brewer and Brewer  
others that the Board would visit the corner of Dover and Washington Streets, which streets the Board recently declined to widen at that point: read and Wednesday next at three o'clock P.M. was assigned as the time of such visit.

Petition of Milton Austin and others Austin  
ers that the use of Faneuil Hall be granted to them on Friday evening Faneuil Hall  
next for a political meeting. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall  
with full power.

Petition of Moses Johnson for compensation Johnson.  
for injuries sustained by falling into a coal hole in Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Dec 6. Came up concurred.

Dec. 3. 1855. for his services respecting the obtaining of lots for suburban cemeteries.  
 Referred to the Committee on Claims. Went down for concurrence Dec. 6.  
 Came up concurred.

Farren

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses a license was granted to Messrs Farren and Buckland to open the Howard Athenaeum for Dramatic Exhibitions.

John

The Committee on Licenses to whom

was referred

the petition of John Sears for a license to exhibit some animals in Howard Street - also the remonstrance of John G. Buckman and others against the same, having considered the same report report in favor of licensing John Sears for one month. accepted.

Steam Engine.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Steam Engines &c. leave was granted to M. Field Fowler to erect and run a Steam Engine at sand b. Stargent's Wharf.

General.

The Committee on County Accounts,

to whom was referred the communication of His Honor the Mayor, enclosing that of L. S. Gilchrist, Esq<sup>r</sup> relative to a new Index to the deeds of the County of Suffolk, as also the communications of N. J. Bowditch and G. S. Rand and the petition of William Minot & others in favor of the same. Report: That after a careful consideration of the subject - they are of opinion, that in view of the importance as well as the expense of the new method of revising and copying the Indices, embracing a term from the year 1800 to the present time; - the whole subject should be referred to a special joint Committee of the City, to consider and report at their convenience, they therefore submit the following order. For



the Committee, G. W. Messinger, Chairman. Ordered: That with 744  
such as the Common Council may join be a Committee to consider and Dec. 3, 1855.  
report on the subject of revising and copying the Indices of Suffolk Deeds  
as proposed by L. S. Gilchrist Esq. and that all communications relating to  
this subject be referred to said Committee. Read, accepted and the order  
passed, and Aldermen Messinger and Jay were appointed on said Com-  
mittee. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred and Mes-  
rs Suter, Stevens and Harris were joined. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 8  
1855.

Ordered: That the bill of King, King  
Dexter & Co amounting to two hundred fifteen dollars and sixty seven  
cents for supplies furnished to the Superintendent of Health be paid, pro-  
vided the same is duly approved and audited in the usual form. Sent  
down for concurrence. Dec. 6. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 8, 1855.

Whereas this Board by a Resolve North Grove  
passed the twenty eighth day of November last took a certain parcel of Street.  
land, therein described, lying on North Grove Street and laid out the  
same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That  
due notice be given to the heirs of George Parkman, deceased, the West Boston  
Iron Foundry and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants,  
occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove  
and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort  
standing on and projecting over the line of said North Grove Street, as  
established by the resolve aforesaid, or move and set back the same to  
the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken  
as aforesaid on or before the ninth day of December instant. And in de-  
fiance thereof the Chief of Police is hereby directed and empowered, forth-  
with to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstruc-

Dec. 3. 1855. lions standing on and projecting over the line of said North Grove Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening streets.

Richardson  
New York  
Central  
Rail Road

Upon the petition of Thomas Richardson of Providence, Rhode Island, praying this Board to estimate the damages occasioned to him by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company by the location and construction of their said rail road over his land, wharf and flats at the foot of Summer Street, as in his petition is more fully set forth and also to require said Railroad Company to give security for the payment of said damages and costs as shall be awarded by this Board or by a jury in the matter - it now appearing that the said Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company have been duly notified of the pendency of said petition - it is here by Ordered: That the damages occasioned to said petitioner by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company be estimated at the sum of one dollar, and that the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company do give security to the satisfaction of this Board for the payment of all such damages and costs as have been awarded by this Board or as shall be awarded by a jury for the damages as aforesaid, agreeably to the statutes in that case made and provided.

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Square.

order - Ordered: That the Committee on the Common and Public Squares be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enclose the portion of the highway at the junction of Charles, Pleasant and Boylston Streets, which was lately discontinued and called Park Square, with a suitable iron fence. Read and laid on the table.



Agreeably to the provisions of the 751

third section of the additional Ordinance of April 3<sup>d</sup> 1853, the Commissioners on the erection of a building for the Public Library of the City of Boston submitted their third annual report on the progress of that building. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Dec. 3. 1855. Library

The joint Special Committee to whom was referred the order of Oct. 24. respecting the expediency of extending to Mr. S. B. Drake some aid in the publication of his History of Boston, having considered the subject, Report that in their opinion it is inexpedient for the City Council to take any action in the matter. For the Committee, Robert Cowdin, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Drake's History.

The Committee upon Ordinances to whom was referred an Ordinance in relation to the Fire Department now with report the same in conformity with the ruling reference. Fire Department  
The only change made in the substance of the same is in the third section of the hereof and is a substitution of twelve Ensigns, one from each ward instead of nine at large. The said change in the substance thereof being in accordance with an order of the City Council passed March 14<sup>th</sup> 1855. Benj. T. Cooke, Chairman, for the Committee. Accepted and the ordinance passed as printed in City Document N<sup>o</sup> 58. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That there be paid to Albert and Emmeline Phipps the sum of twenty four hundred and sixty seven dollars for land taken to widen Sudbury Street, upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Phipps Sudbury St.

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Dec. 3. 1855

Bailey

Ordered: That there be paid to En-

och Bailey the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars for expense of moving and setting back buildings on the Phipps estate where Sudbury Street was widened, upon his giving to the City a receipt in full for the same, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 4. 1855.

Reckman

Whereas it appears that, in the descrip-

Green Street

referred to

tion of the parcel of land taken by this Board on the twenty seventh day of August last from the heirs of Francis Reckman & under Green Street, by reason of a clerical error, the boundaries of the said parcel of land do not correspond with the plan of the land actually taken from said heirs, it is hereby Ordered: That said description be amended by inserting after the word fifty, at the word "eight" so that the northeasterly line of said widening shall be fifty eight feet and  $\frac{75}{100}$ , as appears in a plan of said widening drawn by E. S. Chesbrough and dated June 18. 1854, Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 4. 1855.

County

Commissioners. On motion of Alderman Joy, the order offered by him November 19<sup>th</sup> respecting pay to the members of this Board while serving as County Commissioners on subjects not relating to the City's interest was taken from the table and was passed.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at three o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Fifth day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present  
The Chairman, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Cooke and Drew.

The Board visited the premises at the corner of Dover and Washington Streets, as requested by Nathaniel Brewer and others: and on their return to the City Hall the Board

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Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Tenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1855

Present

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Cook.

The Superintendent of Public Buildings reported to the Board that a building on Faneuil Street, owned by Ammi C. Lombard was in a dangerous condition. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of George A. Barnard & others for the use of Faneuil Hall on Dec<sup>r</sup> 25, 1855 for a Free of the Laborers Association. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Petition of Bridget Ward for abatement of assessment for construction of a common sewer in Ward

754. Bolton Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Drains.

Dec. 10. 1855.

Engine Co.

Petition of Engine Company No. 6 for a room wherein to hold their company meetings. Read & laid on the table.

Keith.

Petition of Amos B. Keith for leave to erect and run a steam engine at 22-24 Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Smith.

Petition of William Smith and others against the erection of a Steam Engine at 107-109 State Street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Dyer.

Petition of C. C. Dyer & others that the light covering of dust may be removed from the Nicolson pavement in Washington Street; of Asa Cotterell that the surface water in Princeton Street and Brooks Street may be diverted from his land. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Cotterell.

Minot.

Petition of William Minot, trustee, to be paid for land taken to extend Friend Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Bayley.

Petition of B. J. Bayley to be paid for damages occasioned by change of grade at corner of Broadway and O. Street; of Asa Cotterell and others that Avon Street, near Porter Street may be raised to its established grade. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Cotterell.

Auctioneer.

On nomination by the Mayor, Samuel G. Greene was appointed an Auctioneer of this City.



Petition of Rufus W. Clark and 755

others for the use of two rooms in the Porter Street School House for the purpose of a school for Adults. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 13. Came up concurred.

Dec. 10. 1855

Clark

On nomination by the Mayor, Police.

Levi Whitcomb was appointed a Police Officer for special duty at the Hall of the Lowell Institute.

On the petition of George W. Gerrish.

Gerrish for the further widening of Portland Street, the Committee on Streets reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Portland Street.

On the notice of E. Govey and Govey.

and assurance of their property to the city for the purpose of extending Friend Street, the Committee on Streets reported that no action thereon is necessary. Accepted.

Friend Street

On the petition of Willard How How

a tenant on the line of the proposed extension of Friend Street, for permission to return to his old location, the Committee on Streets reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On the protest of Henry Beal Beal.

against the proposed extension of Friend Street, the Committee on Streets reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

The Special Committee, to whom Boston

was referred the subject of the amended location of the Boston & Maine Rail Road which was filed Nov. 3. 1855 report that, having examined the matter, no action of the Board is required thereon, there being no objection to said location. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Maine

Railroad.

Dec. 10 1855. Off the subject of the petition of Nathaniel Brewer and others, relating to the widening of ~~the~~ and Hutchinson streets at their intersection was taken from the table and Alderman Top-<sup>off</sup> introduced a new petition of J. W. Hobbs and others in favor of said widening which was read to the Board - and thereupon Alderman Top-<sup>off</sup> introduced an order of notice to the heirs of Edward Tuckerman the owners of the property in question, of the intention of this Board to widen said street by taking a portion of their property, and he moved its adoption by the Board, and the question having been taken thereon - said order was rejected by a large majority.

Kneeland  
Street.

Ordered: That the be charged for every tenement which shall be drained into the Common Sewer laid the present year in Kneeland Street, between Sea Street and Cove Street, the sum of thirty dollars: and that no permit shall be granted for an entrance into said Sewer until said amount shall have been paid.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 11. 1855.

Faneuil Hall  
Market Leases

The Committee on the Market, to whom was referred the petition of the occupants of Faneuil Hall Market for renewal of the leases, having considered the subject, recommend the adoption of the accompanying order. For the Committee, Joseph L. Drew, Chairman. Ordered: That leases of the stalls and cellars of Faneuil Hall Market be given to such persons as shall be recommended by the Committee on the Market, for the term of three years from July 1, 1855, at the rates established for the three years prior to that date, and on such conditions as said Committee shall prescribe. Read and accepted.



Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of David H. Blaney and others, relative to the purchase of the Eastern Rail Road Depot estate, Dec. 10. 1855.  
Blaney  
Rail Road  
Dec. 10. 1855.  
have given the subject that attention its importance demanded. Soon after the reference of the petition, a sub-committee was appointed to examine the premises, and to confer with such agents of the Eastern Rail Road Corporation as might be designated for the purpose, to ascertain the lowest terms on which the corporation were willing to dispose of the property. Subsequently that committee had a conference with Samuel Cooper, Esq. one of the Directors of said Corporation, who stated, that one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars was the lowest sum they were disposed to part with the estate - that many private parties were desirous of possessing it, and were willing to give the sum demanded for it, but that the terms of payment did not meet the wishes of the Corporation. Being in debt their object was to sell for cash or City scrip that could readily be converted into cash, which they could not realize if sold to individuals on time, and received back a mortgage as security for a greater part of the purchase money. Soon after this conference, the sub-committee reported in favor of purchasing the property, but as several of the members were absent, the further consideration of the subject was postponed till a fuller meeting of the Committee could be had. On the fifth instant the Committee was again convened and the report of the sub-committee was accepted by a majority of a quorum of members present, whereupon the Chairman was instructed to report to the City Council in favor of purchasing the property in question, and at the same time to state the fact that several members dissented from this decision of the Committee. Since the report of the Committee on the second day of April (City Document No. 27) the reasons therein set forth have been strengthened. Since then a

758 Steamer has been purchased to connect with the City Institutions at Dec. 10. 1855. Deer Island, and only temporary wharf and dock accommodations for her can be had in the City, liable at all times to be removed at short notice, thereby rendering it objectionable and inconvenient. Now if the estate in question should become the property of the City, a safe, convenient and permanent dock and wharf would be secured, accessible at all times of the year; centrally located; affording wharfroom for any and all materials required by the City, and at an actual saving of expense. If the City's wharf, near Charlestown bridge, is disposed of and the proceeds re-invested in the before mentioned estate, or is paid into the Treasury, a loan for the amount could probably be obtained at five per cent per annum, the interest of which would be fully met by the rent received from the East Boston Ferry Company, so that in fact all the accommodation required by the City for the Steamer, and wharfage of materials &c. would be so much gained. Then again, a source of profit would be realized from the dockage of several vessels of the largest class and the wharfage of their cargo is deemed a prudent scheme, without interfering with the accommodations for the Steamer, or the Harbor Master. The only objection raised against this measure, is, that as soon as the fee of the property is in the City, the residents of East Boston may become clamorous for a free ferry, and that the City Council will be obliged to yield to their demand. How much consideration this objection deserves, is for the City Council to determine. For the Committee, Samuel Topleiff, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Quinlan.

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Quinlan, to be paid for injuries sustained from a defect in the sidewalk in Beverly Street, respectfully report, that they have inquired into the matter, and learn



from the statement of the petitioner himself, that at the time of the 759.  
accident the petitioner was sitting on the fells of his coal cart, and was Dec. 10. 1855.  
thrown off by a sudden jerk of the cart. If he had been inside of the  
cart, or walking by the side of his team, he would not have been injured.  
The Committee are satisfied, that the injury was caused by his own  
carelessness, in riding upon the fells of the cart; and therefore he is not en-  
titled to receive any thing from the city. They recommend that the peti-  
tioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chair-  
man. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 13. Came  
up concurred.

Ordered: That the salary of the county 760.  
county Physician shall be at the rate of six hundred dollars a year Physician  
payable quarterly commencing from the first day of August last past.  
said sum to be in full for his medical services and attendance upon  
the prisoners in Suffolk County jail. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 11. 1855

Ordered: That the Superintendent 761.  
of Streets be authorized to grade Harrison Avenue from Malden Street to Harrison  
Brookline Street. Approved by the Mayor December 11. 1855 Avenue

Ordered: That the Superintendent 762.  
of Streets be authorized to pave Cotting Street from Everett street to Cotting  
Wall Street. Approved by the Mayor, December 11. 1855 Street.

Ordered: That there be paid to Geo- 763.  
H. Gardiner the sum of thirteen hundred and seventeen and <sup>100</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dol- Gardiner  
lars for land taken to extend Albion Street, November 20. 1855. upon his giving  
to the city a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for  
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and

760 that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, December 11, 1855.

Case

Ordered: That there be paid to Mary Ann Elder the sum of one thousand eight hundred and nine  $\frac{60}{100}$  Dollars for land taken to extend Albion Street, November 20, 1855 upon her giving to the City a Deed for the same and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 11, 1855.

Case

Ordered: That there be paid to Margaret H. Nelson the sum of three thousand three hundred ninety five and  $\frac{50}{100}$  Dollars for land taken to extend Village Street, November 20, 1855 upon her giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 11, 1855.

How

Ordered: That there be paid to George W. How the sum of seven hundred thirty three  $\frac{50}{100}$  Dollars for land taken to widen Hanover Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 11, 1855.

Inow

Relinquish of David Snow for extension of his note given to the City, from January 1, 1856 to July 1, 1856. Referred to the Committee on the Treasury Department in concurrence.



On motion of Alderman Cow- 761.

On the reports of the Committee on Licenses in favor of granting the pe- Dec. 10. 1855.  
titions of Henry Jordan for a wagon stand, and of H. M. Beals Jr. for Jordan  
a wagon stand, severally in Lincoln and Kneeland Streets, were Beals.  
taken from the table and were recommitted to the Committee on Licen-  
ces.

Aldermen Drew, Messinger and Toles  
Woodman were appointed a Committee to examine the returns of votes Committee  
cast to day in the several Wards for a Mayor and twelve Aldermen to examine.  
for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock, M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Twelfth day  
of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Gould and  
Woodman.

Petition of Nathan Huskins to be Huskins.  
paid for damages occasioned to him by the widening of Beverly Street.  
of David N. Williams to be paid for land taken from him in Gorton Williams.  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Sally Barstow for Barstow.  
abatement of assessment for construction of common sewer in the

762  
Dec. 12. 1855.  
O'Leary. ster Avenue:- of Hannah O'Leary for abatement of assessment for construction of Common Sewer in Orleans and Maverick Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Fuller. Petition of James Fuller's heirs for abatement of assessment for construction of sidewalk in Prince Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Appropriations. A communication from the Auditor of Accounts stating that an addition will be needed to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 13. Came up concurred.

Beals.  
Jordan. Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Licenses leave was granted to N. M. Beals & Co. to have a wagon stand at 130. Lincoln Street - and to Henry Jordan to have a wagon stand at 90 Kneeland Street, provided the petitioners obtain permission of the owners and abutters at the locations prayed for.

Votes for  
Mayor &  
Aldermen. The Committee appointed to examine the returns of votes given in the several Wards of this City on Monday last for a Mayor and twelve Aldermen, having attended to that duty, Report: That the returns are properly made and the votes correctly recorded in the Book kept for that purpose, from which it appears that - Alexander M. Rice, having a plurality of votes has been duly elected Mayor of the City for the ensuing Municipal Year: and that Timothy C. Kendall, William H. Cablow, George W. Torrey, James Cheever, Ormyn Brewster, Simon Henry, William Sumner, Eliza Ann, & Emily, Levi B. Merriam, Robert Godman, and Eben Jackson having a plurality of votes have been duly elected Aldermen of the City for said Mu-



Municipal Year. For the Committee, Joseph L. Drew, Chairman. Read and 763.  
accepted and the City Clerk was directed to notify the foregoing persons Dec. 12. 1855.  
of their election.

Calvin W. Clark, who was elected Overseer  
of the Poor on Monday last; declined accepting said office - whereupon it was Ordered: That a warrant be issued for a meeting of the voters in Ward A. 7 on Wednesday the nineteenth instant for Ward  
at twelve o'clock, M. then and there to give in their ballots for an Overseer of the Poor in said Ward in place of Calvin W. Clark, resigned.  
The Polls to be kept open until four o'clock, P.M.

The Committee upon the Wardens.  
Assessors Department to whom was referred the petition of the several  
wardens of the city respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioners  
be granted and report the following order. Benj. F. Cooke, Chairman, Or-  
dered: That there be paid to each of the Wardens the sum of Thirty dol-  
lars in full for their services and the services of the several Inspect-  
ors and Clerks of their several Wards - for the current year - and at  
the same rate for each Municipal Year hereafter until further order-  
ed; - the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Ex-  
penses. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.  
Dec. 13. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 15. 1855.

Ordered: That the Cambridge Cambridge  
Railroad Company be authorized in repaving on the inside of the track Rail Road  
which said company are now laying down in Cambridge Street, at the pavement.  
junction of said Cambridge, Joy and Chambers Streets, to use round or cob-  
blestones instead of the granite blocks which now compose the pavement.  
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 13. 1855.

Resolved: That the houses erected

Dec. 12, 1855.

House of Correction.

on land conveyed by the City to H. Hollis Hunnewell by deed dated Feb. 17, 1847, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds Lib. 573, fol. 129, have been erected in compliance with the real intent of the conditions contained in said deed: and it was and is not the intent of said deed that any single house lot should be forfeited in consequence of any breach of any of said conditions: and it is the intent of said deed that the house lot and house be retained: and His Honor, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute a confirmatory deed to Mr. Hunnewell, and those claiming under him, conformable to the intent of the above resolve. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 13. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, December 13, 1855.

House of

Correction.

Ordered: That the Overseers of the

House of Correction in conference with the Master of that Institution be and they are hereby authorized to obtain Plans and Specifications for the erection of all suitable buildings and walls for the accommodation and security of the Prisoners at Deer Island, the expense of said plans &c. to be charged to the appropriation for that purpose. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 13, 1855.

Snow.

The Joint Standing Committee on

the Treasury Department to whom was referred the petition of David Snow for an extension of time on his note to the City which is due on the first day of January next. Having considered the subject, recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, Robert Gordon, Chairman. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to postpone the collection of the note of David Snow which is due on the first day of January next, until the tenth day of April next. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 13. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 15, 1855.



The Joint Special Committee 765

to whom was referred the petition of the Broadway Rail Road Company for the acceptance of their Charter report that the subject be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 13. Came up concurred.

Dec. 12, 1855.

Broadway  
Rail Road.

The Committee on Ordinances School

submitted to the Board an Ordinance in relation to the powers and duties of the School Committee, read and laid on the table but afterwards was taken therefrom and recommitted.

Committee.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Seventeenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Thirty two Traverse Jurors were

Jurors.

drawn for the Superior Court.

Petition of D. R. Nash for leave to

Nash

move a wooden building from the Mill Dam to South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Dec. 17. 1855. of an assessment for removal of a nuisance in Silver Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Goff  
" "

Williams.

Petition of Aaron D. Williams for leave to occupy a stall (N<sup>o</sup>. 102,) in Faneuil Hall Market. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Shedd.

Petition of William M. Shedd for leave to exhibit some natural curiosities in this City: of John B. Gibbs & Co. for a Poultry Exhibition. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Gibbs

Munnigle

Petition of Susan Munnigle in relation to her estate on Moon Street taken or to be taken to widen said Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Gerrish.

Petition of Smith Gerrish to be paid for damages sustained from the extension of Friend Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hermina

Indenture of apprenticeship between

indentured

Hermina Boch a minor having no parent or guardian and Charles Lemme were offered for approval by the Board. Referred to Aldermen Mesinger and Cooke.

Pleasant &

Carl Streets.

The Superintendent of Sewers presented to the Board schedules of assessment for construction of Sewers in Pleasant Street, and in Carl and High Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

M<sup>r</sup>. Kean

Petition of Henry S. M<sup>r</sup>. Kean, late Assistant City Engineer, respecting the compensation due him while acting as City Engineer after the resignation of E. S. Strong, was read and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred.



Petition of William Macomber 767

for an extension of time allowed him wherein to build a house on land, Dec. 17, 1855.  
purchased by him of the City. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands Macomber.  
Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24 came up concurred.

Notice from Abel Kendall and Kendall

wife of their erection of a fence on December 13<sup>th</sup> in order to maintain their Pearl Street.  
right to a certain parcel of land in Pearl Street. Read and placed on file.

On nomination by the Mayor, Auctioneer.

Pardon Worsted was appointed an Auctioneer at N<sup>o</sup> 94 Union Street in place  
of Charles Smith removed.

Ordered: That the collection of now

the sum of one hundred and fifty five dollars and fifty nine cents, as-  
sessed by an order of this Board upon the Heirs of John Brown for their  
proportion of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Chestnut  
Street, &c. and the same is hereby forgiven, until an entry has been  
made into the common sewer from their estate. Approved by the  
Mayor Dec 18, 1855.

Ordered: That the Committee Streets.

on Paving are hereby authorized to make such arrangements and  
agreements as they may think necessary for the interest of the City  
in relation to making and completing streets which have been or may  
be laid out by the City and the Mayor is authorized to sign any pa-  
pers which may be necessary in relation to the same. Approved by the  
Mayor. Dec. 18, 1855

On petition of Jeremiah Brown Brown

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade M. H. Street.  
Street from Eighth to Ninth streets. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855.

760

Ordered: That the Board hereby

Dec 17, 1855.  
Boston Wharf  
Street.

discontinue so much of that portion of a street on land and flats of the Boston Wharf Company lying southwesterly of Eastern Avenue, as is shown in blue on a plan made by James Slade, City Engineer, dated Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1855, and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen. The part discontinued being a portion of a street laid out by an order of the Board of Aldermen, dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1855, and the second described in said order. Provided the Boston Wharf Company shall release to the City of Boston all claim for damages by reason of such discontinuance, approved by the Mayor, Dec. 10, 1855.

Boston Wharf  
Street.  
Midland Street.

Ordered: That the Board hereby lay out across land and flats of the Boston Wharf Company, a street fifty feet in width, located and described as follows, viz: the Northwesterly line of the said street begins at a point on the Northeasterly line of First Street distant two hundred and thirty eight feet and  $\frac{92}{100}$  southeastwardly from the intersection of the said northeasterly line of First Street and the southeasterly line of Granite Street. Thence running southeastwardly to a point on the southwesterly line of Munroe Street distant two hundred and thirty eight feet southeastwardly from the southerly corner of the said Munroe Street and Granite Street, and thence turning and still running northeastwardly, in such a direction that if continued it would strike the northerly corner of Eastern Avenue and a street laid out by an order of the Board of Aldermen, dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1855, being the second described in said order, to the southwesterly line of the said Eastern Avenue. The southeasterly line of the proposed street is parallel with and distant fifty feet southeastwardly from the above described Northwesterly line. The said street being shown on a plan made by James Slade, City Engineer, dated Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1855 and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen. Provided the said



Wharf Company shall and will give a deed of the land so taken, in 769.  
the usual form of deeds to the City in such cases, without any claim. Dec. 17. 1855.  
for damages therefor or by reason of laying out the street as aforesaid.  
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18. 1855. ✓

Ordered: That there be paid to Geo. Revere  
Geo Revere in addition to amounts previously allowed, the sum of  
Twenty five dollars for change of grade of Church and South Cedar  
Streets upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City  
Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge  
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change  
of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Savings.  
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18. 1855.

Ordered: That there be paid to Blakes  
Samuel Blakes the sum of Seven hundred dollars for damages heirs  
occasioned by the grading of Broadway, upon their proving their title to  
the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon their giving to the City  
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in  
consequence of said grading of Broadway; and that the same be charged  
to the appropriation for Savings &c. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 18. 1855

Ordered: That there be paid to Mott.  
Arnold Mott the sum of fifty dollars for change of grade of Broad  
way, upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the  
City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and  
discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said  
change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation  
for Savings &c. Approved by the Mayor December 18. 1855

770.

Ordered: That there be paid to

Dec. 17, 1855. B. F. Bayley the sum of Seventy five dollars for damages occasioned by grading Broadway upon his proving his title to the state to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading of Broadway; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855.

Anna.

Ordered: That there be paid to Maria

Burrill the sum of Two hundred dollars for damages occasioned by changing the grade of Broadway and Fourth Street upon her proving her title to the state to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said changes of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for paving &c. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855.

Wm. Cullough.

Ordered: That there be paid to William

Vide Sept 21, 1857.

William Cullough the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for changes of grade of N. Fifth and Fourth Streets and the Old Road; upon his proving his title to the state to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor & upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said changes of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for paving &c. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855.

Whiting

Ordered: That there be paid to Nathaniel

Nathaniel Whiting the sum of Three thousand five hundred thirty four and 67/100 Dollars for land taken to widen Green and Pitt Streets, in the year 1854, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence



quence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriate 771.  
for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets. Dec. 17, 1855.  
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855.

Ordered: That due notice be given to Ammi C. Lombard, informing him that a building belonging to him on Lewis Street is considered dangerous to the public, and also directing and requiring him to remove the same or to make the same safe. Lombard.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners of the stakes on the northerly side of State Street, from which iron railings project, to remove the same within ten days of the date of this order, and if said iron railings are not removed at the expiration of said ten days, the said Chief of Police is further directed to cause the same to be forthwith removed. State Street  
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Chapman Street from Washington St. to Suffolk Street, and pave the gutters provided the abutters thereon furnish the edgestone. Chapman Street  
Approved by the Mayor Dec. 18, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Seth Whittier for removal of obstructions from Foster Street, known as Foster Street Slip, have given the petitioner a hearing through his council, and after duly considering the subject, they most respectfully submit the following extract of records, together with their report: Whittier  
Foster Street Slip  
Foster Street Slip, so called, has been brought to the notice of the Selectmen and Board of Mayor and Aldermen by petitions and remonstrances from time to time for nearly fifty years. As far as your Committee are informed, the City have derived no real benefit therefrom; it ap-

772. Dec. 17, 1855. appears to have been disputed territory which interested parties have been anxious to obtain by petition or otherwise, while on the other hand they have been opposed by remonstrants. Since the receipt of Mr. Whittier's petition the attention of the Committee has been called almost weekly to the obstructions complained of by petitioner; in every visit made, the Committee found the Slip obstructed with trucks, wagons, sleds &c. placed there by petitioner or tenants holding under him. It appears that several suits are now pending in the Supreme Court between citizens to test the title to the Slip - by the termination of those cases the City's rights will be determined. It appears by the records of the Board of Selectmen that Foster Street Slip was brought to their notice May 6<sup>th</sup> 1807: a committee was appointed to "stake it out from Lynn Street, now Commercial, to the Sea and to procure all the evidence that could be had respecting the Town's rights." - May 22<sup>d</sup> 1807 the Committee reported that they "found no cause to relinquish the Town's right to said Slip, accordingly had staked it out 18 feet wide." - March 11<sup>th</sup> 1819, a communication was received from P. O. Thacher, Esq. and referred to Mr Shaw - March 17, 1819 Mr. Shaw reported that he had "conferred with Mr. Thacher and understood his views of the subject" - that it was his opinion that the course proposed in his communication should be adopted." Your Committee are informed that Mr Thacher's communication cannot be found. It is evident that by records of the Court that a suit was commenced between Braser and Hayward, caused by Hayward's pulling down a building on said slip, also, that P. O. Thacher, Esq. was council for Mr. Hayward: - Mr Shaw's report was accepted: - Whereupon the Board by vote declared said Dock or Slip to be ancient, and that it run from Lynn Street (now Commercial Street) to low water mark in the direction of Foster Lane 18 feet in width - And, also voted that Foster Lane, so called, be continued at the width of 18 feet across Lynn Street, down to low water mark, as one of the streets of the



Done, and the same is hereby established as such accordingly." - July 773.

24<sup>th</sup> 1829. the Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed an order that the Dec. 17. 1833.

Committee of the "Northern District" cause the bottom of Foster Street to be fenced across, following the capstan, and to place a gate thereon." - there is

no record of this Committee's doings. April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1832 Mr. John Copeland pe-

titions the Board to "hire the Slip". - May 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 Benj. Comey and others re-

monstrates against said petition; - both petitions referred to a Committee; -

no record of this Committee's doings. - March 25. 1833. Mr. Copeland petitions

again. - Mr. Comey remonstrates against encroachments on Foster Street:

referred to the Committee on Streets. May 6. 1833. the Board reconsidered

their former vote on the petition of Mr. Copeland to "hire the Slip, and on

the question of accepting said report, the same was determined in the

negative: "and thereupon the City Solicitor was ordered to take all necessary

measures to cause said Slip to be cleaned out, and all obstructions re-

moved to low water mark." June 20. 1836. Mr. Comey remonstrates against

encroachments on Foster Street; referred to the Committee on Streets. July

25. 1840. order passed the Board appointing a Committee to "enquire whether

encroachments have been made on Foster street and whether any indi-

viduals are receiving compensation for occupying or improving lands and

privileges belonging to the City; - also to consider the expediency of selling any

rights or privileges possessed by the City near the bottom of said Street." By the

action of this Committee a deed of the premises was executed by the Mayor

but withdrawn before delivery. Nov. 17. 1845 the Board agreeable to assign-

ment took into consideration the subject of discontinuing the Slip; - after

hearing parties opposed the Board laid the subject on the table and re-

solved to visit the premises on Friday next at four o'clock. No assign-

ment found on record. Nov. 24. 1845 Mr. Bleazer Pratt remonstrates against

the discontinuance; referred to the Committee on Paving. Dec. 1. 1845. Mr.

Charles H. Howbridge remonstrates; referred to the Committee on Paving.

774. Jan<sup>y</sup> 17. 1846. The Board voted to view the Slip on Monday next at twelve  
Dec 17. 1855. o'clock. M. - Jan<sup>y</sup> 26. 1846. Ordered: that the whole Board view the Slip on  
Wednesday next at ten o'clock, A.M. - Feb. 2. 1846. the Board ordered that  
Foster Street remain a public highway and that the City Marshal be  
directed to remove obstructions. May 17. 1854. the Board ordered that the  
committee on laying out and widening streets ascertain what rights  
the City has in the Town Slip (so called) to consider the expediency of  
disposing of the same: reserving the right of sewerage. May 22<sup>d</sup>. 1854  
the Committee reported that it was expedient to discontinue, and an  
order of notice was passed notifying parties interested: - May 29. 1854, parties  
interested appeared and objected: - assigned to June 8<sup>th</sup> 1854, at that time  
parties objected again; Mr Chaddock favored the discontinuance: re-  
committed to Committee with full powers. June 19. 1854. The Committee  
reported that it was inexpedient to discontinue said Slip, report signed  
by John T. Dingley for the Committee. Soon after the above report was  
made, by instructions from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the  
City Solicitor was instructed to consider and report what title the City  
has, if any, to the lower part of Foster Street, below Commercial Street, which  
is claimed by private individuals: - the following is the conclusion of the  
City Solicitor's opinion, dated March 29. 1855 - he says "In conclusion, and to  
restate my views, I am of the opinion that the City does not hold the soil  
in fee, by virtue of any conveyance, but that the passage has been dedicati-  
ed to, and accepted by the public as a Street, or Public highway." Your Com-  
mittee have had the subject of said Slip under consideration for months;  
and by the examination of the records relating thereto, and by diligent  
enquiry of old persons acquainted with the subject, they have not been  
able to get any information tending to show that the City, or the public  
have received any benefit by the City's declaring said Slip to be a pub-  
lic highway; - but on the contrary they have learned that by the occupancy



of said slip by parties that could use it for their own benefit, it has caused, 773  
much jealousy among the neighbors, and such of them as have not Dec. 17. 1855.  
had the use of it, have petitioned the Selectmen and the Board of Aldermen from time to time for nearly fifty years. Since Mr. Whittier's petition has been in the possession of your Committee they have learned with regret that the petitioner's council has been paid sixty four dollars out of the City's Treasury for information furnished our late City Solicitor, and within three days the chairman of your Committee has seen a bill of thirty five dollars more approved by said Solicitor for the City to pay on account of said Slip. Your Committee do not wish to have it understood by referring to the above payment that they do so to injure any man, but only to show the necessity of disposing of this subject, which your Committee are of opinion should be done immediately, for the sole purpose of ridding the City of any further trouble and expense in a case where the public good and convenience does not require its continuance. In conclusion your Committee would recommend the passage of the accompanying order of notice to discontinue said Slip; also, the passage of the following order. For the Committee, C. J. Woodman, Chairman. Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Foster Street Slip, so called, should be discontinued, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to C. N. Chaddock, W. J. Andrews as agent of Harvard College, John C. Thayer, N. Thayer, and all other parties interested, that this Board intend to discontinue said Foster Street Slip, and that Monday, the twenty fourth day of December current, at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto. - Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening Streets be, and they are hereby authorized to sell at Public Auction all rights that the City has to and in Foster Street Slip (so called), And that His Honor the Mayor be authorized to

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Dec. 17, 1855. execute a quit claim deed of those rights. Read, accepted and the orders passed. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855

Targent.

The Committee on Streets offered

Shawmut  
Avenue  
extended.

to the Board a deed from F. M. Targent, Esq. of Roxbury, of a parcel of land at the end of Shawmut Avenue west of Arnold Street, which parcel of land said Targent gives to the City for a public highway, provided the same be graded by the City and provided the City will construct one half of the required culvert therein when the City of Roxbury shall be ready to build the other half - said land being given for the purpose of extending Shawmut Avenue to Roxbury line: which deed dated November 13, 1855 was accepted by the Board, (See deed in Auditor's Office) and thereupon it was

Shawmut

Ordered: That the Super-

Avenue  
grade.

intendent of Streets be authorized to grade Shawmut Avenue from Arnold Street to the Roxbury line, and also to build one half of the culvert in conformity to a Deed from F. M. Targent Esq. to the City of Boston this day accepted by the Board. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855.

South Street

Ordered: That the name of South

Place.

Street Place be changed and that hereafter it be known and called

Tufts Street.

Tufts Street. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855

Libby.

On petitions of Richard Libby and

Kendall

D. B. Kendall. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized

Princeton Street.

to grade Princeton Street from Marion Street to angle street, and that the said Princeton Street be and the same hereby is accepted and laid out as a public highway upon the East Boston Company giving a deed of the same to the City of Boston. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1855



Ordered: That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to repair Sudbury Street from Court to Portland Street,  
and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem  
necessary, and remove all obstructions on the line of said Street as he  
shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which  
are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Approved  
by the Mayor, Dec. 18. 1855.

A communication from the Auditor  
of Accounts stating that additions are needed to the appropriations for  
Grammar School Houses, Public Buildings, and a special appropriation  
for Friend Street, was referred to the Committee on Finance in  
concurrence.

Ordered: That Dr. W<sup>m</sup> M. Cornell,  
one of the Visitors of the Lunatic Hospital at South Boston, be authorized to  
receive such compensation for his services as Chaplain to that Institution  
as the Board of Visitors may allow and the Committee on Accounts ap-  
prove. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18. 1855.

Resolved: That the Mayor be request-  
ed to withhold his signature to the License of Faneuil Hall Market, until  
such time as the Joint Special Committee appointed to investigate and  
report what changes, if any, may be deemed expedient in regard to the  
ordinances relating to said Market, shall be ready to report; provided  
however that said Joint Special Committee shall make their report  
within one week. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and laid on the table.

An Ordinance of five sections, being  
an Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance relating to Public Schools,

778. and defining more particularly the duties of the School Committee,  
Dec. 17. 1855. having been passed in Common Council, came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 18. 1855.

Superior Court Salaries. The Common Council having referred the order which passed this Board Nov. 26. respecting the Salaries of the Judges of the Superior Court, to the next City Council, said action came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred. Sent down.

First Street Loan. The Committee on Finance having duly considered the communication from the Committee on Paving, relating to the opening of First Street, have voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council the passage of the annexed order authorizing a loan of eight thousand dollars for that object. For the Committee, J. V. G. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of eight thousand dollars, and that the same be applied to the cost of opening First Street between C. & D. in Ward Twelve. In Common Council. Read and referred to the next City Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred. Sent down.

Fire Department. The Common Council having amended the Ordinance in relation to the Fire Department which passed this Board December 3<sup>d</sup>. First - by striking out the whole of Sec. 3<sup>d</sup> and inserting the following - "In Sec. 1. of an Ordinance establishing a Fire Department passed June 2<sup>d</sup>. 1851. in the second line as printed in the Municipal Register of 1855 after the word 'Engineers' insert 'provided at least one shall be chosen from each Fire District'." Second - In Sec. 5 line 4<sup>th</sup> strike out "the foreman" and instead thereof insert "a vote." Third - In Sec. 6 line 11. after place insert "within the City of Boston". Fourth - In Sec. 10. after "duties" in



line 6. insert the word "except." Said action came up for concurrence. 779.

Read and this Board concurred in the first, second and third amend Dec. 17, 1855.  
ments as above, but nonconcurred in the said fourth proposed amend-  
ment. Sent down. Dec. 24. The Common Council receded from their fourth  
proposed amendment and concurred with the Board of Aldermen in the  
passage of said Ordinance. Approved by the Mayor December 26. 1855.

The Committee on the Assessors De- Assessors  
partment to whom was referred the order of the Common Council dat- Department  
ed Nov. 22. 1855 appropriating the additional sum of Eight Hundred dol-  
lars for clerk hire report that the same is necessary and recommend the  
passage of the order. For the Committee, B. F. Cooke, Chairman. Read ac-  
cepted and the order (as recorded on page 736) was passed. Sent down for  
concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 26.  
1855.

The Joint Special Committee who Market-  
were directed to consider the existing ordinance in relation to Faneuil Provisions-  
Hall Market, and to report such amendments thereto as shall increase the  
facilities for the sale of provisions, having attended to that duty recom-  
mend the adoption of the accompanying ordinance. For the Committee,  
Joseph L. Drew, Chairman. Read and with the Ordinance of four sec-  
tions referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence  
Dec. 24. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be & Bonds  
he is hereby authorized and instructed to cancel the Bonds numbering cancelled.  
1123. and 1124. given by Hiram Hownell, for land purchased by him on  
Tremont and Chester Streets, and receive others in lieu thereof, the same  
being given to conform to the change made in the streets west of Tremont  
Street by the Committee on Public Lands and approved by the Board of

780. Aldermen June 27. 1855. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came  
Dec. 17. 1855 up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 26. 1855

Rumrill.

The Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of A. J. Rumrill for an abatement of a portion of his Water Tax, having considered the same, Report: That the Tax referred to, is for use of hand hose, which the petitioner used but once, and under circumstances which lead the Committee to report in favor of the petitioner, they therefore recommend that the tax be abated as requested in the petition. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 26. 1855.

Buck Bay  
Lands.

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council to whom was referred the proposals of the State Commissioners, relative to the territory west of the Public Garden, known as the Buck Bay, having examined the question with care, submit the following Report: That the sale of the City Lands west of Tremont Street renders it impossible for the City to accept of the Commissioner's line of Streets on that territory, and as the question of Streets and drains require much investigation the Committee would therefore recommend that the whole subject be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred.

Sprague.

Ordered: That there be paid to Thomas Sprague & Co the amounts of the following bills, provided said bills be duly approved by the Committees authorizing the same and be audited in the required manner - viz: Fire Dept. \$ 66.55 - Water Works 51.75 - Henry Morrison 39.67 - House of Industry 17.25 - Internal Health 10.50 - Paving Dept - 5.72 - Total = \$ 191.44. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor. Dec. 26. 1855



Ordered: That there be paid to 781.

William T. Davis, acting Water Registrar from April 14, to October 29, 1855. Dec. 17, 1855.

the sum of ninety six dollars, the same being in addition to the sums paid him during that period as a Clerk in the Water Office, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for Water Works. Sent down for concurrence. (Cite page 790. Davis.

Alderman Gould offered the following order. Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to contract with the owners of the "Boston Depot" estate for the purchase of said estate on such terms and conditions as shall meet the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands. Read and referred to the next City Council. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Eastern  
East End  
Depot Wharf.  
Boston Depot.

The Committee upon the Assessors Department upon so much of a petition as relates to the tax paid by the Boston Lying-in Hospital respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted in so far as relates to the tax aforesaid and report the following order. Benj. F. Cooke, Chairman. Ordered: That there be paid to the Boston Lying-in Hospital the sum of one hundred and forty seven dollars  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  assessed upon and paid by them to the use of the City and that the same be charged to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor December 29, 1855. Lying-in  
Hospital.

The Committee on Public Buildings who were directed by an order of the City Council to construct a building for the accommodation of the Steam Fire Engine having considered the subject, report, that the appropriation of eight hundred dollars is not sufficient for that purpose and they recommend an addi- Steam Fire  
Engine.

lional appropriation of nine hundred dollars to construct said building.  
For the Committee, C. T. Woodman, Chairman. Read and referred to the  
Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up con-  
curred.

Remitt  
School House  
Wards 5 & 6.

The Joint Special Committee of the  
City Council to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Barrett and  
others for the establishment of a Boys' school in Ward 5 and also the  
order of the City Council directing said Committee to make a selection  
of a location for a Grammar School House in Wards 5 and 6 report that  
said subjects be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Charles  
Woodbury. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came  
up concurred.

Index  
of the  
Suffolk  
Deeds

The Joint Special Committee of the  
City Council to whom was referred the subject of revising and copying the  
Index of the Suffolk Deeds, a report by J. B. Gilchrist of April: that  
they find that the Grantors in Deeds recorded in the Suffolk Registry as in  
the other Registries in this Commonwealth are entered in the Indexes  
under the initial letter of their names without any further subdivision:  
that under some of the letters they amount in number to many thous-  
ands; that consequently, in order to ascertain what Deeds have been  
made by any individual during a given period, lists containing all the  
names of Grantors having the same initial letter for the same period must  
be carefully examined; and this is often a task of much labor and diffi-  
culty. Mr Gilchrist's proposition is to copy the present Grantor Indexes from the  
year 1800, and subdivide them into distinct lists by the surnames. The ad-  
vantage of such a work to the public, would in the opinion of your Com-  
mittee be very great, inasmuch as it would afford immediately and with-  
out labor the result of such examinations of the Indexes as every person now  
having occasion to consult the Records is obliged to make independently.



The system adopted by Mr. Gilchrist ensures also greater accuracy than 783  
could be readily attained by those unaccustomed to such work. A speci- Dec. 17, 1855.  
men of the proposed Index has been exhibited to your committee and by  
them considered satisfactory. It would save a large part of the time  
and labor now necessary in every case. It would have the further ad-  
vantage of greater durability than the present ones as it would not be  
subject to so much handling. Many have already from their dilapidation  
required to be re-copied at considerable expense. Such will soon be the  
case with those from the year 1800 to 1830, about 150 in number, one to each  
volume of the Records, and now in pamphlet form; this expense would  
be saved by the proposed Index. The terms proposed by Mr. Gilchrist are  
one dollar per page of twenty-five names of Grantors with the respective  
Grantees, and the number of the Book and Page of the Records exclusive  
of the cost of the fair copy, which he proposes shall be made under his  
direction and upon his responsibility. The amount of the work, it is estima-  
ted in a communication made to your committee by Messrs. N. J. Wooditch  
and S. S. Rand, will be from eight to nine thousand pages and its cost  
therefore from eight to nine thousand dollars for Mr. Gilchrist's personal  
labor. In addition there will be the cost of paper and re-copying which has  
been estimated at from fifteen to eighteen hundred dollars. It will require  
several years for its completion, and it is proposed that it shall be paid for  
as it is furnished, in distinct portions, which would distribute the neces-  
sary appropriations over the whole period. Your Committee are of opinion,  
that these terms are reasonable, and that the utility of the work would am-  
ply repay the public for its cost. The testimonials offered of Mr. Gilchrist's  
competency have been satisfactory to your Committee. They therefore re-  
commend that his proposal be accepted, and submit the appended or-  
der. S. H. Mearns. S. S. Rand. J. H. Riker. J. H. Stevens. Ordered: That S. H. Mearns  
do execute, or employ to execute under the superintendence of the Commit-

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tie on County Accounts for the public use in the Registry of Deeds in this County a copy of the Grantor Indexes which shall include an index of all plans in that Registry from the year 1800 to the year 1855. both inclusive, in which the Grantors shall be subdivided and arranged according to their surnames at the price of one dollar per page of twenty-five names of Grantors with their respective Grantees and the Book and Page of Record and in addition the actual cost of a fair copy thereof upon suitable paper and of substantial binding into volumes of a convenient form and size; that he be paid for the same as it shall be furnished to the Registry of Deeds upon the Register's Certificate of its receipt; and that the expense therefor be charged to the account of the County expenses, Passed. Sent down for execution

Stanwood.

Howard's heirs

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lemuel Stanwood, for Heirs of Eleazer Howard, to be paid for land taken to widen Commercial Street most respectfully ask leave to submit the following report: The claim is made for ten hundred and forty feet of land taken by the City for the extension of Commercial Street in 1854. The Committee are of the opinion that the land was worth about one dollar per foot at the time of taking. It does not appear on the records that the City has paid for said land; but it does appear that the City has been made to suffer most severely for two other small parcels taken from the same estate, for the widening of Fleet and Ann Streets, amounting to nearly twenty thousand dollars. The petitioner claims that Mr. Howard agreed to give his land for said extension, but that he had become childish and was incompetent to transact business. The Statute of Similitude deprives said petitioner from any claim: the Committee did not feel disposed to take any advantage on that account, and therefore voted that the Chairman should make the petitioner an offer amounting to what they were informed the land was worth at



the time of taking the offer was made to petitioner but a report should be made to his Board recommending the payment of an hundred and fifty dollars; the offer was refused, thereupon the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. For the Committee, G. J. Woodman, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to inquire and report to this Board whether the Ordinance in relation to local Neighbors is complied with by the local Dealers in the City

On motion of Alderman by the subjects of the discontinuance of Kneeland Street and the acceptance of Albany Street at their intersection with the Boston and Worcester Rail Road track were taken from the table, and the Board thereupon proceeded to reconsider said orders: And the question being upon the passage of the Resolve and order to discontinue said portion of Kneeland Street (as recorded page 541) as heretofore passed by this Board October 11. 1855. The Mayor's objections thereto to the contrary notwithstanding, they were adopted by the following vote - Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Gardin, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Topliff and Woodman 8. Nays Aldermen Drew, Messinger & Wallcut, 3. Two thirds of the Board voting in the affirmative.

The Board then considered the subject of accepting that portion of Albany Street which crosses the track of the Worcester Rail Road, and the question being in the passage of the order relating to that subject (as recorded page 628.) as heretofore passed by this Board October 11. 1855. The Mayor's objections thereto to the contrary notwithstanding, the same was adopted by the following vote - Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Gardin, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Topliff and Woodman 8. Nays Aldermen Drew, Messinger & Wallcut, 3.

786 Aldermen Drew, Messenger and Woodberry 3. Two thirds of the Board vot-  
Dec. 17. 1855. ing in the affirmative.

Kneeland  
Street.

The Board then considered the subject of placing signs over that portion of Kneeland Street this day discontinued, as is provided in the order heretofore passed by this Board October 11. 1855, and recorded on page 628, and the question being on the passage of said order, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, said order was adopted by the following vote—Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Bowdin, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Sprague, Topliff and Woodman 8. Nays Aldermen Drew, Messenger and Woodberry 3. Two thirds of the Board voting in the affirmative.

Keith

Keith was not

The Committee on Licenses to whom the petition of Amos B. Keith and others was referred would report that they have duly considered the same and submit the following order. For the Committee, A. K. Joy, Chairman. Ordered: That the Market and provision men may stand with their vehicles without the limits of Faneuil Hall Market till ten o'clock in the forenoon at such places in the City as the Board of Aldermen may designate for the purpose of vending provisions.

Mullin,

Mullin,

Mullin

Mullin

Deeley,

Deeley

Bessom.

On the several petitions of Wm. Knowlton to be paid for a change of grade in West Dedham Street; John Mullin to be paid for change of grade in Sixth Street;—of Lois Smith to be paid for change of grade in Broadway;—Frederick Tolson to be paid for change of grade in Church Street;—of James Deeley that the grade of Commercial Street may be lowered;—of Emma Deley to be paid for a change of grade in Meridian and other streets; of Jones Bessom to be relieved from an assessment for sidewalk in Webster Street;—the Committee on Paving reported that the several petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.



Agreeably to the report of the Com<sup>r</sup> 787.

Committee on Licences G. W. Richardson was allowed to have a wagon stand Dec. 17. 1855.  
at the corner of Lincoln and Lincoln Streets, provided the consent of Richardson,  
the owners and abutters at that locality be obtained.

On the several petitions of Genja Russell,  
min Russell respecting the grade of Suffolk Street, of John Pingle,  
for a new sidewalk on a part of E. Street, of Eliza Sullivan, for abatement Sullivan  
of abatement for a sidewalk in East Boston; - of E. & Dyer & Co. and others for Dyer,  
removal of fine dust from the Nicolson pavement in Washington Street; Sullivan.  
of R. H. Dolliver and others for removal of a building from the line of  
Forendy Street; - the Committee on Paving reported that no further  
action thereon is necessary. Accepted.

On the communication of Mary Ann Ellis  
Ellis respecting damages to her estate in Fayette Street, from a change of  
grade &c.: the Committee on Paving reported, that the sum of Six hundred  
red and fifty dollars having been allowed her for damages, which the  
Committee believe is sufficient to cover all damages to her estate, the  
petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petitions of Joseph Gardner, Jr. Gardner  
that the City would pay him for change of grade in Seventh Street; - of Dodge.  
Ephraim Dodge to be paid for change of grade in Seventh Street, the Com-  
mittee on Paving reported that as there has been no change of grade in  
said street, the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to the report of the Com<sup>r</sup> 788. Keith  
Committee on Steam Engines leave was granted to James Keith to erect and steam engine  
run a Steam Engine at 330-332, Washington Street.

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Minot.

On the remonstrance of William Minot and others against the erection of a Steam Engine at 107, 109, State Street the Committee on Steam Engines reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Harrison.

On petition of Arthur Pickering and others for the removal of the old building at the corner of Portland Square and Merrimac Street, the Committee on Streets reported that the public safety and convenience do not require the removal of said building and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Court Street.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the order of October 1854 and of March 5, 1855, respecting the pavement of Court Street with Iron, reported, that no action thereon is necessary. Accepted.

Stone.

The Committee on Water to whom was referred the communication of B. Stone respecting the impurities of the Cochituate Water and offering a remedy therefor beg leave to report, that as no impurity now exists in the Cochituate Water, action on the communication is unnecessary. For the Committee, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Sprague, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24, 1855 came up concurred.

Sevey.

Adams.

The Committee on Paving on the petition of Amos Sevey and others that the name of Alden Street may be changed, and the remonstrance of S. P. Adams and others against the same, reported that no action should be taken thereon. Accepted.

Bosworth.

Lodge.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petitions of B. S. Bosworth and others that the sidewalks may be laid in Church Street, and of Ofsian E. Lodge and others that



sidewalks may be laid in East Canton Street, report that said streets not 789  
having been paved, and as the City has not heretofore constructed sidewalks on Dec. 17, 1855.  
unpaved streets the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving reported Littlefield.  
that the petitions of Noah Littlefield and others; John Tyler, George W. Tyler, Gerish,  
Gerish, and others; Tisdale Drake and others, Edward J. Porter and others, Drake, Porter,  
Porter & Demmon, Josiah Quincy and others, and William A. Wingate & Porter, Quincy,  
others - be referred to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted. Wingate.

The Committee on Police to whom Mc Gregor  
was referred the petition of George C. Mc Gregor, one of the Police at Station  
N<sup>o</sup> 4, for a hearing and investigation as to the correctness of his official  
conduct report that they have heard Mr. Mc Gregor and his witnesses and  
they have heard Dr. Godman and Mr. Mayo in relation to Mr. Mc Gregor's  
conduct but as the Committee have no power to discharge a Police Officer  
they recommend that his petition be referred to the Mayor. Read & accepted.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at three and a half o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-  
men of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twentieth  
day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Dec. 20, 1855. The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Boyd

Petition of John E. Boyd to be paid for damages sustained by him from the extension of Friend Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Boston Light

Petition of Boston Light Artillery

Artillery

that the City would grant to them the sum of thirteen hundred dollars towards the expense of filling up their Armory. Read and thereupon Aldermen Gordon introduced to the Board the following order. Ordered: That there be paid to the Boston Light Artillery, the sum of one thousand dollars towards the expense of the necessary fixtures and furniture of the Armory occupied by them in Cooper Street, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for Armories. Read and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred.

Turn

An motion of Alderman Spang, introduced and considered the order which passed at the last meeting to pay William B. Davis the sum of ninety six dollars for his services while acting as a Water Registrar, and said order having been amended by substituting for "ninety six" "one hundred and sixteen" \$100. said order was again passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor December 26, 1855.

Aldermen

Alderman Wy introduced the following

duties for

Preamble and order; Whereas the duties of an Alderman for the City of Boston, are numerous, multiplied and responsible; and whereas those duties cannot be properly performed by any citizen, unless he devotes to them a larger portion of his time and whereas it has not heretofore been the practice to allow any compensation to that office, therefore Ordered:



That with such as the common council may join, like into con- 791  
sideration and report on the propriety and expediency of allowing any and Dec. 20. 1855.  
what compensation for the future to the above named office. Passed: and  
Aldermen Joy, Goodin and Topliff were appointed on said committee.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the bill of Messrs Nowell  
G. & C. Nowell, one of whom is a member of the City Council, amounting to  
about twenty three hundred dollars, for work done and materials furnish-  
ed for buildings at Deer Island connected with the Institutions at South  
Boston and Deer Island, be audited, allowed and paid after the same has  
been duly approved by the Committee under whose direction the work  
was done. Passed: Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor, Dec. 26. 1855.

Ordinance entitled "an ordinance Second hand  
in addition to an ordinance concerning Junk Shops and Dealers in Sec- articles.  
ond Hand articles," by which the sum for each license is fixed at ten Ordinance.  
dollars, was passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up con-  
curred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 26. 1855.

The Committee on Public Build- Godman  
ings to whom was referred the petition of Francis Godman for leave  
to purchase a School House in Cross Street belonging to the City, beg  
leave to report, that it would be expedient for the City to sell the es-  
tate agreed to, as soon as suitable provision can be obtained for  
the schools now kept in said House, and the Committee would re-  
commend the reference of the subject to the next City Council. For  
the Committee, C. J. Woodman, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down  
for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Damon.  
Buildings to whom was referred the petition of James Damon for leave to

792 purchase a certain portion of land belonging to the City in Croft's Street,  
Dec. 20, 1855. by leave to report, that so soon as suitable provision can be made for the  
schools now kept in the building on the estate referred to, it will be ex-  
pedient for the City to sell said land, the Committee therefore would recom-  
mend the reference of the subject to the next City Council. For the Committee,  
G. S. Goodman, Chairman. Read and accepted, sent down for concurrence.  
Dec. 24. Came up concurred.

North City Wharf. The majority of the special Committee to  
whom was referred the order for the sale of the North City Wharf - having  
considered the subject, ask leave to Report: That in the opinion of the Com-  
mittee it is for the interest of the City to dispose of this property - possession to be  
given at such time as its use can be disposed with - and that other ar-  
rangements can be made which will be more economical for the purposes  
for which said wharf is now used, they therefore recommend the passage  
of the annexed order. For the Committee, G. W. Messinger, Chairman. Order  
ed: That the Committee on Public Lands be and they are hereby authoriz-  
ed to sell at Public Auction or private sale the North City Wharf, (so called)  
and the flats appurtenant thereto, with all the buildings and structures  
standing on said wharf - possession to be given at such time as may be deem-  
ed most expedient - the proceeds to be paid into the City Treasury. Passed:  
sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations. The Committee on Finance having duly  
considered the communications from the Auditor of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> instants  
would recommend to the City Council the passage of the enclosed order for  
a transfer of appropriations. For the Committee, J. V. G. Smith, Chairman. Or-  
dered: That the Auditor of accounts be authorized to make the following  
transfers of existing appropriations - viz: From the Reserved Fund, <sup>A</sup>eight  
thousand dollars to Incidental Expenses and Four thousand to Public  
Buildings. Passed with this amendment at A. strike out "Eight" and



insert "Ten" Yeas. Aldermen Cooke, Cowdin, Drew, Dunham, Gould, Joy, 793  
Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Woodman. 10 Nays none. Sent down for concur- Dec. 20, 1855  
rence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 26, 1855.

Whereas this Board by a Resolve. Shaw.  
passed the twelfth day of September took a certain parcel of land, there West Cedar  
in described, lying on West Cedar Street and laid out the same as a pub- street.  
lic street or way of said city, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be  
given to Jesse Shaw and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors,  
tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down,  
remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every  
sort standing on and projecting over the line of said West Cedar Street,  
as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same  
to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises ta-  
ken as aforesaid on or before the twenty fifth day of December instant. And  
in default thereof, the Chief of Police is hereby directed and empowered, with  
with to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and ob-  
structions standing on and projecting over the line of said West Cedar  
Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down,  
removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line,  
and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction  
of the Committee on laying out and widening streets.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, Union Street.  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Union Street Grant.  
should be widened at the place described in the said notice, from land  
of Coolidge heirs on Scotts Court to the extension of Friend Street it is  
therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to Moses Grant and all  
other parties interested, that this Board intend to widen the street be-

197 1st mentioned, or laying out as aforesaid, and laying out the same  
Dec 21 1855. and public shed - and the twenty seventh day of December instant  
at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections  
which may be made thereto.

Chauncy  
Place.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board,  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Chauncy  
Place and Belford Place should be laid out as a public highway from  
Summer Street to Rowe Street - it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due  
notice be given to the proprietors of the First Church, John Ward heirs, Mary  
Lee, Charles Jackson's heirs, George T. Curtis and other parties in interest, that  
this Board intend to lay out the street before mentioned, by taking a part  
of their land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public shed,  
and that the twenty seventh day of December, instant, at four o'clock, P.M.,  
is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made  
thereto.

Gibbs.  
Shedd.

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee  
a license was granted to John W. Gibbs to give a public exhibi-  
tion in this city and to William M. Shedd to exhibit natural curiosities  
at 3 National Building.

Brown

On petition of John Brown for leave to  
erect a Steam Engine at corner of Temple and Deane Streets, the Com-  
mittee on Steam Engines reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Q  
Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of  
Streets be authorized to grade Q Street so as to make said street con-  
form to the grade of Broadway. Approved by the Mayor December 21, 1855

Apprentice  
Indentures

The Special Committee to whom were  
referred the Indentures of Apprenticeship between Charles Fomme and



Hermine Block a minor having no parent or guardian in this State, 795  
reported, that they had had an interview with the parties and that Dec. 20. 1855.  
said indentures should be approved. Said report was accepted and the  
Indentures were signed by the Mayor and Aldermen.

Whereas it appears to this Board Court street  
that a nuisance exists in building situated on corner of Court and Hun- nuisance.  
over Streets caused by waste water from Urinal and Sink pipes, and dam-  
aging property in stores below, said premises belonging to Mrs Meriam,  
and held in trust by F. L. Watts and E. S. Rand, Coquises - which is dan-  
gerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Su-  
perintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuis-  
ance to be abated in such manner as he shall deem expedient at the  
expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified, have neglected to  
abate said nuisance.

Whereas, it is the duty of the constables Prisoners.  
of the Police Court to arrest prisoners and convey them from the Station conveyance of  
houses to the city lock-ups, and from said lock-ups to the Court House, and  
from the Court House to their places of confinement, it is hereby Ordered :-  
That no further appropriations shall be made or allowed by the City for  
such conveyances, and the Committee on Internal Health are hereby re-  
quested to withdraw their present vehicles for conveying prisoners. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor, Dec. 21. 1855.

Ordered: That the brick building in Jail  
the southwest corner of the jail yard near Cambridge Street and not over up.  
connected with the Jail building be used for the temporary detention of  
persons arrested by the Police and Watch and not yet examined before  
any Magistrate. Ordered: That said premises be under the care and  
custody of such officer or officers as shall be designated for that purpose

796 by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. Ordered:

Dec. 21 1855 That the brick lock-up in the Jail Yard be and they are hereby placed under the care of the Committee on Internal Health who have charge of the custody and transportation of prisoners and are not to be erected by the several Courts, and that said Committee make such changes in the internal arrangements and furniture of said building as they may deem expedient and necessary, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for County Accounts. Approved by the Mayor, December 21. 1855.

Jail  
entrance.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board be and they are hereby empowered and authorized with full power to alter or make a new entrance or gate to the Jail premises if it should be deemed necessary in consequence of the change of use of the temporary Lockups. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 21. 1855.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty-fourth day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.



Twenty two Grand Jurors chosen

for the Municipal Court.

Dec. 21, 1855.

Petition of J. H. Colwell and others

for a hearing respecting the assessment for the construction of the  
Border Street Sewer. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Colwell.

Pet. School Committee of Ward X1

that a plank sidewalk be laid to the School house in Northampton Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

School

Committee.

Petition of Ephraim Brock that three

Gas Lamps be placed on Central Square; - of A. Parmelee and others  
that more lamps be placed on Lenox Street. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Lamps

Brock

Parmelee.

Petition of Willard How to be paid

for damages sustained by him from the extension of Friend Street; of  
James M. Beebe to be paid for land taken to widen Union Street; -  
of Moses Wood, Jr. to be paid for damages sustained from the widening  
of Sea Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

How

Beebe -

Wood

Petition of Joseph Rushing for a li-

cense of the National Theatre from Dec<sup>r</sup> 31. next. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Licenses.

Rushing.

Communication from the Sheriff

of Suffolk County transmitting his account of expenses attendant on the  
proposed execution of James Wilson, on the fifth of October last - whose  
sentence of death was commuted by the Governor and Council. Referred  
to the Committee on County Accounts.

Sheriff  
of Suffolk.

An Ordinance entitled 'an Ord-

nance in relation to Sewers,' which amended the Ordinance on Sewers

Sewers

Ordinance

798. as printed on page 356. of the Revised Ordinances, was passed. Sent  
Dec. 24. 1855 down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor  
Dec. 26. 1855

Niles Block Ordered: That the Committee on  
Public Buildings in consultation with the bochituate Water Board be  
and they are hereby authorized to secure such rooms in 'Niles' Block'  
for the accommodation of the said Water Board, the Water Registrar, and  
the City Engineer, as may be deemed most appropriate and suitable for  
their use. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred. Approved  
by the Mayor, Dec. 26. 1855

Cornford The Joint Standing Committee on  
Public Lands deeming it for the interest of the City to purchase a strip  
of land, which cornered, in the purpose of diminishing the back  
passage of lands of the City situated on Worcester square, thereby render-  
ing the respective lots more uniform in size, more valuable and saleable;  
and being unable to agree upon the price demanded for the same by  
said Cornford, and deemed too high by the Committee, the subject was  
referred to referees, whose decision, was, by agreement of the parties to the  
bond of reference, to be binding on each. The Committee therefore in accord-  
ance with the award of the referees, have recommended the follow-  
ing order. For the Committee, Samuel Topliff, Chairman. Ordered: That  
the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to pay Pat-  
rick Cornford, the sum of eleven hundred dollars for one thousand feet  
of land purchased of him, on receiving a good and sufficient deed of the  
same, and that the amount be charged to the appropriation of Public  
Lands. The Treasurer is also instructed to deduct from the aforesaid amount,  
all claims which the City may have against the said Patrick Cornford.  
Accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concur-  
red. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 26. 1855.



Ordered: That the following bills 749.

be audited and allowed provided they are duly approved by the contracting Dec. 24, 1855.

Committee and by the Committee on Accounts - viz: Messrs Pond & Dunklee, Bills  
for furnaces for Primary School Houses, about five hundred dollars; Do. to be paid.  
for materials and labor for the Deer Island Establishments, about two  
hundred and fifty dollars; Do. for Fuel about one hundred dollars. - David  
M. P. Dow - for building a tool house on East Boston and Chelsea Bridge, one  
hundred dollars. - Thomas Sprague, materials furnished for Deer Island  
Establishment, four dollars fifty three cents. Whitney and Kendall, for supplies  
furnished to the Directors of the House of Industry - nineteen dollars and  
fifty two cents - Do. for supplies furnished for the House Correction at  
South Boston, one hundred thirty two dollars and seven cents. George H.  
Harris for the same, one hundred two dollars and ten cents. Samuel  
Hutch - expenses of selling sundry old buildings at Auction, thirty two  
dollars. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the  
Mayor, Dec. 26, 1855.

An invitation to visit the Armory of Light Artillery.  
the Boston Light Artillery on January 2<sup>d</sup> next was read and accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27 Came up concurred.

On nomination by the Mayor, the Police.  
following persons were appointed on the Police - Asbel V. Earle, James G.  
Folsom, Joseph M. Goombs, George H. Johnston, Stephen Merrill, Lyman W.  
Guild.

The Committee on Streets to whom Rayner  
was referred the petition of John Rayner and others for the widening of Union Street.  
Union Street on its westerly side, reported a reference of the subject to the  
next Board of Aldermen with a recommendation that it receive their  
early attention. Accepted.

Agreeably to assignment the Board

Dec. 24, 1855.

Foster Street  
Slip.

look up the subject of the proposed discontinuance of Foster Street Slip, and George L. Hale, Esq. presented the remonstrance of Seth Whittier and others against said measure, for which parties he appeared - Edward D. Tonier, and N. L. Hazellon, Esquires, appeared for E. N. Chaddock who desires a discontinuance of said slip. On motion of Alderman Cowdin, the parties not being fully prepared to go on with their objections, the subject was postponed to Thursday next at four o'clock P.M.

Pearl and

High  
Streets  
Sewer.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this

Board, passed on the ninth day of July last, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Pearl and High Streets the cost of which was Six hundred and sixteen dollars and fifty four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Four hundred and sixty two dollars  $\frac{44}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Approved by the Mayor. Dec. 25, 1855

Account

Street  
Sewer

Whereas pursuant to an order of this

Board, passed on the twenty third day of May last, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Pleasant Street, the cost of which was Fourteen hundred and thirty eight dollars and ninety two cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains ten hundred and seventy nine dollars  $\frac{19}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according



to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto 861.  
to annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and Dec. 24, 1855.  
assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their propor-  
tional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be  
certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or less-  
ers. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 25, 1855.

On petition of Edward H. Clarke Clarke.  
that the lines of North Grove Street may be determined and designated,  
the Committee on Streets reported that the prayer of the petitioner has been  
answered so far as the Committee have the power. Accepted.

A bond of Gardner Warren, agent Warren  
of the New Boston Iron Company recommending that if the City will obtain Warren  
from removing the portion of his Foundry which fronts over the line  
of North Grove Street at the present date, he will at his own expense re-  
move the same within six months, and stating his reasons therefor was  
read accepted by the Board. (see bond in Auditor's Office.)

On petition of Bridget Ward Ward.  
Ordered: That the sum of twenty two <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars assessed by an order  
of this Board upon Bridget Ward for her proportional part of the cost of  
the Common Sewer in Bolton Street be and the same is hereby abat-  
ed on account of her inability to pay the same. Approved by the Mayor  
Dec. 25, 1855.

Ordered: That the Superintend- Friend  
ent of Health be directed to fill up with ashes new Friend Street to Street.  
within two feet of the grade of the same. Approved by the Mayor Dec.  
25, 1855.

Dec. 24. 1855.

Prisoners

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to take charge of the transportation of all prisoners for the City of Boston and that he employ such additional assistants (subject to the approval of the Committee on Internal Health) as may be needful and necessary therefor, and that said Superintendent give notice to all parties, having any interest in the subject matter hereof, of the passage of this order. Approved by the Mayor, Dec.

State Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave with round or "cobble" stone the southerly side of State Street from Washington to Devonshire Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. The paving stones to be of a size similar to those used in paving the northerly side of said street. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 25. 1855.

Shalluck

Ordered: That there be paid to George W. Shalluck the sum of seven hundred and five dollars for land taken to widen Hanover Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 25. 1855.

Market

Leases

A message from the Mayor, stating his reasons for declining to sign the Market leases as authorized by an order of this Board dated December 10. 1855 was read and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.



tee on Public Funds to whom were referred the petitions of Isaac Child, Os- Dec. 24, 1855.  
 sian E. Dodge, and Prammie B. Lakin, asking to be paid for damages sus- Child.  
 tained by them in closing up a portion of passageway leading from Brookline Dodge  
 to East Water Street, now and considered the same and would at the Lakin  
 request of said parties offer the following Report: That the three petitions  
 be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Samuel Spiliff,  
 Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came  
 up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Warner  
 claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary B. Warner, to be paid for  
 personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by her in Oliver Street,  
 respectfully report that, not having succeeded in obtaining an interview  
 with the petitioner, they have not been able to effect a settlement of the pe-  
 titioner's claim, and they therefore recommend that the subject matter of  
 the petition be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, J. Dun-  
 ham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came  
 up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Pratt  
 claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel C. Pratt, that the suit  
 against him may be discontinued, respectfully report that, they have had  
 several interviews with the petitioner, but have not been able to effect a  
 settlement with him, on terms which appeared to them fair and reasonable,  
 and they therefore recommend that the subject matter of the said petition  
 be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chair-  
 man. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up con-  
 curred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Bradeen  
 claims, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Bradeen, to be paid

804.  
Dec. 24, 1865 for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by him in Sudbury Street, respectfully report, that not having succeeded in obtaining an interview with the petitioner, they have not been able to effect any thing towards the settlement of the claim, and they therefore recommend that the subject matter of the petition be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred.

Kirby

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims who have had in consideration the claim of John Kirby for compensation for a fall near Boylston Street, respectfully report, that they have been unable to effect any settlement with the claimant upon any terms which appeared to them fair or reasonable, and that a suit is now pending in Court, brought by the claimant against the City, upon the same subject matter. They therefore recommend, that the case be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred.

Eckley

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary M. Eckley to be paid for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by her in Cutaw Street, respectfully report, that after repeated interviews with the petitioner, and an examination of the evidence, they have not been able to settle the petitioner's claim, on terms which appeared to them fair or reasonable, and they therefore recommend that the subject matter of the petition be referred to the next City Council, with the memorandum, that the City Police Officer, has minutes of the evidence in the case. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred.



The Joint Standing Committee. 883

on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Hanson Bräke a petition  
for his services respecting the obtaining of lots for suburban cemeteries, would  
respectfully report, that they recommend a reference of the same to the  
next City Council. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and  
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee Hathaway

on claims, to whom was referred the petition of T. D. Hathaway for payment  
for damages sustained by a breach of contract with said City, have con-  
sidered the same, and inquired into the facts of the case, and are of  
the opinion that the said petitioner has no just claim against the said  
City. They therefore respectfully recommend that the said petitioner have  
leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and ac-  
cepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Green

claims, to whom was referred the petition of Elijah L. Green, for payment  
for damage sustained by explosion of gas, have considered the same, and  
inquired into the facts of the case, and are of the opinion that the said  
petitioner has no just claim against the City. They therefore respectfully  
recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Commit-  
tee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence  
Dec. 27. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Brown

claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Brown, for payment  
for damage sustained by alteration of drain in Orange Street, have con-  
sidered the same, and inquired into the facts of the case, and are of  
the opinion that the said petitioner has no just claim against the City.

800. They therefore respectfully recommend that the petitioner have leave to  
Dec. 24, 1855. withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Read and accept-  
ed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on  
Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Samuels, to be paid for  
damage to his drain in Orange Street, have considered the same and in-  
quired into the facts of the case, and are of the opinion that the said  
petitioner has no just claim against the City. They therefore respectfully  
recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Commit-  
tee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concur-  
rence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on  
Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William N. Foster, to be refund-  
ed certain taxes paid by him on property not owned by him, have con-  
sidered the same, and inquired into the facts of the case, and are of  
the opinion that said petitioner has no just claim against the City,  
and that he was rightfully taxed. They, therefore respectfully recommend  
that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. A statement from the Superin-  
tendent of Public Lands accompanies this report. For the Committee, J. Dun-  
ham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec.  
27. Came up concurred.

Odin

The Joint Standing Committee on  
Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of George Odin, asking  
that an error in a deed from the City for land purchased on Rutland  
Street Dec. 12, 1845, may be corrected, have duly considered the same,  
and would beg leave to offer the following order. For the Committee,  
Saml. Topliff, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby  
authorized and instructed to pay to Mr. George Odin, the sum of Five



hundred six dollars and twenty seven cents, the same being the am- 807.  
ount and interest due to Mr. Eldin, Dec. 12, 1855, on account of error in Dec. 24, 1855.  
deal of land purchased Dec. 12, 1845; and said amount to be charged  
to Appropriation for Public Lands. Accepted and the order passed. Sent  
down for concurrence. Dec. 27. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor.  
Dec. 29, 1855.

The Committee on Public Lands in Hamblen.  
connection with the Committee on Cemeteries to whom was referred the peti-  
tion of David Hamblen and others that a new street be laid out from Wash-  
ington Street to the southeast part of the South Burying Ground, also the  
report of the Committee on Cemeteries in relation to the purchase of Mount  
Hope Cemetery - have duly considered the same, and would beg leave to  
offer the following Report: That the petition and report together with all  
other papers in the hands of the Committee touching the purchase of a  
Cemetery, be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Samuel  
Topliff, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence Dec. 27.  
came up concurred.

Ordered: That the bells of the sev- Incidental  
eral churches of the City be rung for one hour and that a salute be Birth Day.  
fired at sunrise, meridian and sunset on the Twenty second day of  
February next the same being the anniversary of the birth of George  
Washington; and that the expense thereof be charged to Incidental ex-  
penses and Miscellaneous Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 27.  
came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 29, 1855.

On petitions of W. H. Bacall and Secar.  
others for a re-assessment for a drain in East Canton Street - of Henry Turly.  
W. Turly for a release from assessment for a sewer in Crooks Street - of Guild.  
Samuel Guild for permission to make an entry into the sewer in

308. | Ridgway Lane without cost. the Committee on Sewers reported that  
Dec. 24, 1855. | the several petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

J. A. Turner  
J. A. Turner  
Mills  
Shaw  
Allen.  
On the several petitions of J. A. Turner  
for the extension of a drain from Arctic Street to Harrison Avenue  
of J. A. Turner and others for a sewer in Arctic Street of J. A. Turner  
Mills and others for a sewer in Marion Street (C.B.) of G. Howland Shaw  
and others that a new sewer be laid in the passageway between Perry  
Street and Fulton Place of B. L. Allen for a sewer in Govering Place, the  
Committee on Sewers reported that no further action is required thereon.  
Accepted.

Goodnow  
C. Peary  
Howard.  
On the several petitions of Tully Gar-  
stew for abatement of assessment for the construction of a sewer in  
Webster Avenue of Luther Goodnow's Executor respecting a sewer under  
Marion Street of Samuel Howard for abatement of  
assessment for construction of a sewer in Orleans Street of Boyd How-  
ard and respecting the Village Street drain the Committee on Sewers  
reported the same be referred to the next Board of Aldermen. Ac-  
cepted.

Scotts Street  
Union  
Street.  
The Committee on Streets who were  
directed Nov. 2<sup>d</sup> last to investigate and report upon the expense of  
laying out a new street through Scotts Court to Hanover Street, and  
also the expense of widening Union Street, reported, that they had not  
had time to investigate the same and that the subject be referred to  
the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Bunningham  
Stanford.  
The Committee on Streets, who have  
had under consideration the subjects of the intended erection of build-  
ings by Andrew Bunningham on the corner of Federal and Milk Streets  
by Samuel Stanford on Broad Street - Reported of the same to the



next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

809.

Dec. 24, 1855.

On the several petitions of John E. Boyden, Smith Gerrish, and William Minot, trustee, to be paid for damages sustained by them in consequence of the extension of Friend Street of John French to be paid for land taken to lay out French Street of William Amory to be paid for land taken on Cambridge Street and Shawmut Avenue - the Committee on Streets reported a reference of said subjects to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

On the several subjects of the continuation of Chardon Street northerly in a straight line; the extension of Harvard Street easterly to Sea Street - and the obstructions in the public streets at South Boston (P. F. Kane's buildings) the Committee on Streets reported a reference of said matters to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

On the several petitions of N. Jacobs, John P. Ellis, and others for the extension of Mount Vernon Street; of John Vaucler and others for the extension of Granite Street; of John A. Tracher and others that a new street be laid out from Northampton Street to Roxbury; of George C. Thacher and others that a new street be laid out from Sea Street to South Street; of James A. Kelly and others for a new street parallel with Prescott Street; of Dexter Fay for that East Street may be widened; of J. C. Buckell for a continuation of Tabern Street to Everett Street; of George H. Simmons that West Street be widened; of M. L. Gooding and others that Salutation Street be widened; of Calvin Damon and others that London Street be widened near Pleasant Street - a communication from the Long and Central Wharf Corporations respecting the erection of a block of stores east of the Custom House - the remonstrance of Franklin

Letter against the widening of Union Street - the Committee on Streets reported a reference of said subject to the next council of Aldermen. accepted.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the twenty seventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Shaw

Thirty six Haverse jurors drawn for the Municipal Court

Shaw

Petition of William A. Shaw and others that the street Gas Lamps may continue lighted at a later hour than is now the practice. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Puffer

On petition of A. D. Puffer for removal of the wagon stand opposite his premises in Water Street, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is necessary. Accepted.



The Common Council having

amended the order respecting the salaries of the Judges of the Superior Court which passed this Board Nov. 26, (as recorded on page 737) by adding at A. Provided however that this order shall not be construed as an assent by the City of Boston to the Act establishing said Court: and especially to the constitutionality of that portion of it which imposes the expense of said Court upon the City Treasury. Said action came up for concurrence, Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 29, 1855.

On motion of Alderman Cooke - Resol-

ved: That in the opinion of this Board the question of the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of the Act establishing the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk is a question that this Board has no authority to determine. That in the vote whereby this Board concurred with the Common Council in its amendment to the order to pay the Salaries of the Judges and Officers no expression of opinion was given as to the legality of the Act of the Legislature establishing said Court.

The Joint Standing Committee on

Ordinances to whom was referred the subject of amending the fortieth section of the Ordinance on Streets, having considered the same report that it is inexpedient to amend said section. For the Committee, Benjamin T. Cooke, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jan. 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman Messinger

the Board reconsidered the vote, whereby they ordered the Message of the Mayor on the subject of the market to be printed - and thereupon the further consideration of the subject was assigned for Monday next at five and a half o'clock, P.M.

Agreeably to assignment the Board

Dec. 27, 1855.

Foster Street  
Slip

look up the subject of Foster Street Slip. Mr. Hale presented the petition of Thomas Marshall and others in favor of the ~~dis~~continuance of said Slip. but on suggestion of counsel the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

Union Street

Union Street

Agreeably to notice, Henry Stuart

appeared and objected to the proposed widening of Union Street, by taking his land near Wells Court whereupon the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next at five and a half o'clock, P.M.

Chauncy and Bedford

Chauncy and Bedford

Agreeably to assignment the Board took

up the subject of opening Chauncy and Bedford Places as a continuous public highway. when it appeared that the First Church by William Hayden and George Bales. Henry Gee, E. F. Thayer, Aaron Baldwin and Robbins were present and objected to said measure. By permission of the Board, Galvin W. Clark, John Collamore Jr. and Emory B. Fay, who were present, were allowed to express their views in favor of the measure, whereupon the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next at five o'clock, P.M.

House of Correction

House of Correction

The Committee on Public Buildings on

the part of this Board who were directed by the order of this Board dated Feb. 12, 1855 to superintend the construction of cells for the House of Correction at Deer Island reported that said cells are nearly completed and they recommend a reference of the matter to the next Board of Aldermen. and they also stated that the contractor to furnish the stonework has not fulfilled his contract and that he should pay all damages arising from the breach thereof and for the consequent delay. Read and accepted.



Whereas in the opinion of the 813

Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that North Dec. 27 1855.  
Grove Street should be widened, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due no North Grove  
lice be given to Nathaniel Springfield and Eliza Burbank that this Board Street.  
intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of their Springfield  
land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street. and Burbank  
that Wednesday, the second day of January next, at four o'clock, P.M. is  
assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

The Committee on laying out & Moon Street  
widening Streets to whom was referred the subject of widening Moon Street  
by taking land of William P. Hines, Mrs. Mulligan and others, reported that  
no further action on said subject is necessary at this time Accepted.

On petition of Jfa Cottrell that the  
surface water may be drawn from the street the Committee on Paving  
reported that the subject of said complaint will be reported to the  
Comptroller of Streets as soon as possible. Accepted.

Cottrell

On petition of Jfa Cottrell & others  
that Haver Street near Porter Street may be raised to its established  
grade, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of John L. Hunnewell  
respecting the sidewalks on Haver Street, the Committee on Paving re-  
ported that no action is necessary. Accepted.

Ordered: That there be paid  
to the Heirs of the Capen estate, the sum of Forty eight thousand nine hun-  
dred and thirty five dollars and thirty three cents according to the award

814.  
Dec. 27, 1855 of George M. Dexter, Billings Briggs and Charles E. Cook, the referees agreed upon by the said heirs and the City of Boston the same being for land taken and damages sustained by the extension of Friend Street. The Gas and News being required upon the passage of this order they were taken as follows, viz: Gas - Aldermen Linnam, Joy, Messinger, Sprague, Woodman - 5 News - Aldermen Cook, Gordin, Gould, Tappan - 4. To said order was passed. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 28, 1855.

Friend Street  
Contractors.

Ordered: That there be paid to Cummings and Garrison the sum of Fifteen hundred and eighty five dollars and fifty cents; to Joel Wheeler for the sum of Seventeen hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty one cents; to Smith & Felton the sum of Five hundred dollars and thirty one cents; to Baldwin and Emerson the sum of Eight hundred and thirteen dollars and ten cents; to O. J. Rogers and Co the sum of Two hundred and seventy eight dollars and eighty seven cents; to G. J. Bryant the sum of Five hundred and sixty five dollars; (to Charles J. Hall the sum of One hundred and eighty dollars and eighty eight cents) according to the award of George M. Dexter, Billings Briggs, and Charles E. Cook, the Referees agreed upon by the above named parties and the City of Boston, the same being for damages sustained by the extension of Friend Street. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 28, 1855.

Friend Street  
Referees.

Ordered: That there be paid to George M. Dexter, Billings Briggs, and Charles E. Cook the sum of Nine hundred and eighteen dollars, for services as Referees in the cases of parties on Friend Street extended, against the City of Boston, according to the award, made by the said Aldermen Cook, Sprague, Linnam.

Benevolent

The Committee on Public Lands to  
Fraternity of Churches whom was referred the petition of the Executive Committee of the Benevolent



Fraternity of Churches, that they may be allowed to sell the lot of land 815.  
in Shawmut Avenue, on which Trinitarian Chapel stands, free from any re- Dec. 27. 1855.  
strictions, having duly considered the same, would recommend the adop-  
tion of the following order. For the Committee. Geo. W. Chipman, Chairman on  
part of Council. Ordered: That the Innocent Fraternity of Churches have  
leave to sell and convey their meeting house and land on the corner  
of Rutland street and Shawmut Avenue / conveyed to them by the  
City of Boston, by deed dated June 3<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1844 / to be used for religious purpo-  
ses, or dwelling houses subject to the approval of the City Council for the time be-  
ing. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred. Approved by the Mayor, December 29, 1855.

The Standing Committee on the City Debt.  
Reduction of the City Debt, respectfully report to the City Council the situa- reduction of  
tion of the Debt of the City at this date, and the operation on that ac-  
count, during the present year. Taking up the subject where the Audi-  
tor of Accounts left it in his last Annual Report, page 143, viz: on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
April last, we find that the City Debt, exclusive of the Water Loans, at  
that time amounted to the sum of \$1,747,188.60

The amount of the Water Loans, per same Report, page 157, was 5,403,961.11

Making a total consolidated Debt of \$ 7,151,149.71

Thus far in this financial year, none of the City Debt has become due;  
and as none has been offered at the Treasury for payment, none has  
been anticipated. Only \$10,000 of this debt becomes due between this and  
the close of the present financial year (30 April next,) and this amount  
will be duly met at its maturity. Of the Water Debt there has been  
paid as follows: Temporary Water Loan, due in this financial year, 6000.00

Water Scrip, due in April, 1856. 6000.00

due in April 1862 6000.00

due in April 1870.

29,000

Dec. 27. 1855.

\$41,000

The increase of the City Debt by loans actually negotiated since 30<sup>th</sup> April 1854, has been \$17,000 on account of the Public Land, being advance of a loan of \$50,000, authorized 23<sup>rd</sup> January last, being in payment for the same Mather's Farm, a work authorized in 1853, and paid by a loan, authorized on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1855.

14,500 on account of the new Grammar School House at  
 \_\_\_\_\_ South Boston, authorized on the 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1854.

\$ 41,500

The Loans authorized but not yet negotiated, amount to \$459,500, and are for the following objects, viz:

Balance for the new Grammar School House at South Boston,

per order 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1854.

3,500

Annual appropriation for the present financial year, (1855-56), authorized as a substitute for Taxes to that amount, by order

of April 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

150,000

New House of Correction at Deer Island, per votes of  
 2<sup>d</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of May, and 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1855.

44,000

Land for a new Grammar School House in Ward 6.

per Order of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1855.

19,000

New Library Building, per Order of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1855.

95,000

Additional Land in the rear of the same, per Order of 12<sup>th</sup> July 1855,

24,000

Land and Building for a Police Station and Engine House

in Ward 1. per order of 27<sup>th</sup> June 1855.

16,000

New Grammar School House in Ward 11. per order of 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1855

38,000

Public Land and South Bay improvements, per order of 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1855.

50,000

Sea Wall for extension of Charles Street, per Order of 24<sup>th</sup> October 1855

15,000



Paving High Street, per Order of 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1855

5,000

517

14,595.00

Dec. 27, 1855.

These Loans will be obtained as fast as required by the Treasurer, and  
probably at a rate of Interest not exceeding 3 per cent. per annum. The Cash  
account with this Committee now stands as follows:

Balance on 30<sup>th</sup> April last, per Auditor's Report, N<sup>o</sup> 43, page 165. \$381,918.46

And amount received since that time on the following accounts

which are required to be placed to the credit of this Committee

by the 8<sup>th</sup> section of the Ordinance on Finance R.O. page 122, viz,

Cash received on sales of public lands since 30<sup>th</sup> April last, 3973.58

Payments on bonds and mortgages received for lands sold 121,785.68

Proportion of the annual City tax for 1855.

60,000.00

185,709.26

From which deduct payment as above stated,

47,000.00

138,709.26

Balance now to the credit of this Committee,

\$ 520,627.72

This balance is chargeable with \$79,000 amount of Water Scrip and City Debt  
becoming due this financial year, and payable before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June  
next. This payment being made, there will be a balance left to the credit  
of this Committee of \$441,627.72. Thus it will be seen that the actual in-  
crease of the funded debt of the City since the 30<sup>th</sup> April last has been \$44,500,-  
being the amount of loans negotiated as above, \$91,500, less the \$47,000, ac-  
tually paid off; while the money on hand for paying the debt has been aug-  
mented by \$138,709.26 being the difference of cash means on hand on the  
30<sup>th</sup> of April last, (\$381,918.46) and the same means on hand this day \$520,  
627.72. The consolidated funded debt of the City now stands as follows:

City Debt,

\$1,838,688.66

Water Debt,

5,356,961.11

\$ 7,195,649.77

If to the above amount,

7,195,649.77

we add the amount authorized, but not yet negotiated,	459,500.00
Dec. 27. 1855 We have a total of	<u>\$ 7,655,149.77</u>
The means of meeting this debt are,	
Cash,	520,627.72
Bonds and mortgages,	<u>632,218.54</u>
	<u>\$ 1,152,846.26</u>
Total consolidated debt, as above	\$ 7,655,149.77
Means of payment, viz:	
Cash,	520,627.72
Bonds and mortgages,	<u>632,218.54</u>
	<u>1,152,846.26</u>

Net Debt, at close of business on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1855 \$ 6,492,303.51

J. V. C. Smith, Mayor, Joseph Story, President Common Council. Geo. W. Chipman, Chairman of the Committee on Finance on the part of the Common Council. Accepted in Common Council and ordered to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. (See City Document N<sup>o</sup> 68.)

Youn  
Grammar  
School Houses.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the communication of the Auditor of Accounts respecting additional funds for the erection of the New Grammar School Houses at East and South Boston reported the following order viz:—Ordered: That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of forty three thousand dollars, and that the same be appropriated for the following purposes viz:—completion and furnishing the New Grammar School House at East Boston, thirty thousand dollars. completion and furnishing the New Grammar School House at South Boston, thirty thousand dollars. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 33. Nays none. May 1. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Cooke, Bowdoin, Dunham, Gould, Joy, Messinger, Sprague, Topliff, Woodman & Nays none. Approved by the Mayor, December 29. 1855.



to whom was referred the order of the city council, respecting the expediency of placing the Public Institutions of the city under one Board of Overseers or Commissioners, and if expedient to suggest a plan of such an organization, by leave to report. But after a careful examination of the subject the Committee are unanimously of opinion that it would be decidedly for the interest of the city to place the following institutions under one Board of Management, viz: The House of Correction, The House of Industry and Reformation, and The Lunatic Hospital. The first consideration for this change, is economy. It must be apparent that in procuring the supplies, a much greater saving can be made by purchasing in large quantities by one Board for all the institutions, than by the present system of purchasing by three separate Boards of Managers without need of action, smaller supplies for the different establishments. Another consideration, and in the minds of your Committee more important than the saving of money, is, that under one efficient Board of Managers the discipline and general arrangements could be better systematized. Criminals should be classified to a much greater extent, than at present; the youthful and inexperienced should be separated from the hardened and the vicious - the reformation of the former is of far greater importance than the punishment of the latter. The pauper should also be entirely separated from the criminal, and the unfortunate and destitute, whether young or old, should not be compelled to associate with those who have violated the laws. There are other reasons why the change is one of importance. The simplifying and condensing the accounts - the better information to be obtained by a general supervision of the Criminal and Charitable Public Institutions as regards measures of reform - and other matters to which your Committee do not deem it necessary to enlarge upon at the present time. As to the plan of organizing, two methods can be

Dec. 27. 1855.

Public

Institutions

Dec. 27. 1855 mentioned. One is to have a Board of ten or twelve Overseers to be chosen annually by the City Council in concurrence; said Board to consist of one member of the Board of Aldermen, two members of the Common Council, and the balance from the citizens at large. Or to have a permanent Board to be chosen by the people, as in the City of New York, consisting of ten citizens, two of whom retire from the Board each year, so that two members are annually elected by the people to serve five years. Your Committee will add as an appendix to this report, some extracts from a letter written by W<sup>m</sup> I. Duke, Esq, one of the Governors of the Institutions of New York. Your Committee do not offer any resolutions on this subject at the present time, but simply recommend that this report be referred to the next City Government; in order if it meet with their favorable consideration they may make early application to the Legislature of 1856, for the passage of an act to carry into effect the recommendations of your Committee. J. Dunham, Jr. Thomas Sprague, G. W. Messinger, Samuel Hatch, Charles Nowell, W<sup>m</sup> C. Howard, J. B. Severance, Chas. I. Burgess, James W. Tyler. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor. Dec. 29. 1855. (See City Document N<sup>o</sup>. 65.)

Shed,  
Wilton.

Ordered: That there be paid to John M. Clark, Sheriff of Suffolk, Two hundred sixteen  $\frac{4}{100}$  dollars for expenses incurred by him in making preparation for the execution of James Wilton on the fifth day of October 1855, a reprieve having been granted on the same day by the Governor and Council - and that the amount thereof be charged to the appropriation for County Expenses. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 28. 1855.

M<sup>c</sup> Kay.  
Main Road.

On petition of Donald M<sup>c</sup> Kay -  
Ordered: That White Street from Border Street to Denton Street be and the same hereby is accepted and laid out as a public high-



way- provided the East Boston Company give the City of Boston a deed 821

of the same. Approved by the Mayor December 20 1855

Dec. 27 1855

Ordered: That the City Treasurer Saller's  
be directed to abate the sum of thirteen dollars and two cents assessed Heirs.  
against the estate of James Saller's heirs for edgstones. Approved by the  
Mayor Dec. 20. 1855

The Joint Standing Committee on Boston Light  
Public Buildings to whom was referred the order offered in this Board Military.  
Dec 20. to pay the Boston Light Artillery Company the sum of one thous-  
and dollars towards the expense of their Armory, reported in favor of the  
page of said order. Accepted and the order passed (as recorded on  
page 790) Approved by the Mayor, December 20. 1855

Ordered: That the deeds to the City Midland  
of Boston of N. or Midland Street, Baldwin and Munroe Streets be and the Munroe.  
same are hereby accepted and that the Committee on Paving be author- Baldwin  
ized to pay or contract for filling and completing the same. Approved by Streets.  
the Mayor Dec. 20. 1855.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be Common  
and he is hereby directed to post notices at the several entrances to the  
common of the following purport: "Dangerous Passing- Persons using this  
way do so at their own peril"- and that the expense thereof be charged to  
Incidental Expenses. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 20. 1855.

Ordered: That First Street between First Street  
A. and C. street be opened to public travel and to accomplish the same Sea Wall  
that the Committee on Paving be authorized to contract for the building  
of the requisite length of Sea Wall and the earth filling for said opening.

322. The work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets and  
Dec 27. 1855 City Engineer. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 28. 1855.

First

Street.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners of buildings which project over the line of First Street between A. and C. Streets, to have the same removed within four months of the date of this order, and if said buildings are not removed at the expiration of the above mentioned period then said Chief of Police is further directed to cause the said buildings to be removed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 28. 1855

Salaries of Aldermen

The Common Council having referred to the next City Council the order which passed this Board for appointment of a Joint Special Committee to report on the expediency of paying salaries to the Aldermen, said action came up for concurrence. Read and non concurred. Sent down.

First Street

Loan

The Common Council having refused to recede from its former vote referring to the next City Council the order for a Loan of eight thousand dollars to extend First Street - said document came up for the consideration of this Board, whereupon this Board vote to adhere to its former vote of nonconcurrence in said reference. Sent down.

Indices -  
Gilchrist.

The Common Council having voted to refer to the next City Council the subject of authorizing copies to be made of the Indices to the Records of Deeds in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, as proposed by D. S. Gilchrist, Esq. - said action came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred. Sent down.

North  
City Wharf.

The Common Council having voted to refer to the next City Council the subject of the sale of the North City



What as proposed in the report and order which were adopted December 20. 1853.  
in this Board. said action came up for concurrence. Read and noncon- Dec. 27. 1855.  
curred. Sent down

Ordered: That the Treasurer Friend Street  
be authorized to borrow; under the direction of the Committee on Finance Loan.  
the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and that the same be appropriated  
to defray in part the expense of extending Friend Street. In Common Coun-  
cil. Read and referred to the next City Council. came up for concurrence.  
Read and nonconcurrent.

The Joint Special Committee of City  
the City Council to whom was assigned the duty of having the Census  
the City of Boston herewith submit the report and tabular statement of Census.  
the Censors appointed for that purpose. In view of the importance of the subject  
immediately connected with the causes at work in a growing and enter-  
prising community like our City, as developed in the Census, and the im-  
portance to the welfare and prosperity of our citizens to understand those  
causes, your committee have availed themselves of the services of our  
fellow citizen Josiah Curtis, M.D. who has analyzed the subject and pre-  
pared the accompanying article. The ability and familiarity of this  
gentleman with his class of investigation and his general reputation  
as a writer on these subjects render the article worthy of particular at-  
tention. All of which is respectfully submitted. Genj. T. Cooke. G. W. McFinger,  
Thos Sprague, G. B. Farley, William Marble, Genj. A. Stevens. Read and thereupon  
it was Ordered: That fifteen hundred copies of the joint Special Commit-  
tee upon the subject of the Census be printed and that the reports and  
accompanying documents be recommended to the Committee upon that  
subject with full power. Sent down for concurrence. came up concurred.  
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 29. 1855. Vide City Doc. 69.

Dec. 27. 1855.  
Ordinances  
final  
Rpt. of Com<sup>rs</sup>

The committee on Ordinances having in charge the revision of the Ordinances of the City of Boston, submit the following Report: On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January of the present year an order was passed as follows: "Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause a new volume of the City Ordinances to be published, which shall contain the Revised City Charter and all Ordinances in force at the time of publication, with the various amendments incorporated in their appropriate places; and to employ such aid and assistance for that purpose as they may deem necessary - the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims." On the thirteenth day of February of the same year Messrs A. K. P. Joy, G. L. Washburn and Charles Mayo were chosen a Committee to revise said Ordinances in conformity with said order. The said Committee appointed for that purpose have reported to the Committee on Ordinances the completion of their work in manuscript and nearly one third of the same has been printed with the balance now in process of printing. They now recommend the usual Ordinance adopting said revision of Ordinances as the Ordinances of the City. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Read, accepted and the Ordinance passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 29. 1855.

Ordinances  
Com<sup>rs</sup> to publish.

Ordered: That A. K. P. Joy, G. L. Washburn and Charles Mayo be authorized, employed and directed to superintend the printing and to do all other things which they may deem necessary for the completion and publication of the new volume of Ordinances prepared by them and that they be paid for their services and any assistance and amounts paid for aid in the proper exercise of their duties when their bills are approved by a vote of the Committee on Ordinances and passed by the Committee on Claims. Order-



ed: That each member of the present City Government be entitled to \$25.  
a copy of the said Ordinances, when published and such other per- Dec. 27, 1855.  
sons as have been accustomed to receive them, sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 29, 1855

The Committee on Paving to whom School  
was referred the petition of the School Committee of Ward A: XI asking Committee  
for a plank sidewalk to the School House on Northampton Street - report: of Ward XI.  
ed a reference of the same to the Committee on Public Buildings. Read,  
accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Came  
up concurred.

Ordered: That the bill of Prescott Prescott  
and Croft for work on the Primary School House in Paris Street be audited and Croft  
and allowed (amount four hundred seventy four <sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars) after the same  
has been duly approved by the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 29, 1855.

Ordered: That the Directors of the Mass: School  
House of Industry be and they are hereby authorized to sell to the Mass: School  
chusells School for Idiotic Youth and others, such old wooden buildings which for Idiots.  
were connected with the Old House of Industry at South Boston as may  
be in their judgment amenable to the city and the money received  
therefrom to be paid into the City Treasury. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 29, 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee on Canfield  
claims to whom was referred the petition of William Canfield to be paid  
for injuries received by him on Chelsea Street in East Boston on the even-  
ing of October 3, 1854, respectfully report, that in their opinion the petitioner

826. Has no just claim against the city and they therefore recommend that  
Dec. 27. 1855. He have leave to withdraw. For the committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman.  
Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Foster Street. Adjourned to meet on Friday at eleven o'clock, A.M., to visit Foster  
Street

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Twenty eighth day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Woodberry, Messinger and Gould.

Foster Street. The Board visited Foster Street. Hip.

Mortgage discharged. Ordered: That the Mayor be authorized to discharge the mortgage of Charles A. Gerard to the City of Boston on the certificate of the Treasurer and Auditor that such payment has been made.

Friend Street Hall. Ordered: That the order passed by this Board Dec. 27. 1855. to pay the various contractors for the work done on Friend Street, as per the award of George M. Dexter, Billings Briggs, and Charles E. Cook, be amended by striking out from said order the following words "to Charles G. Hall the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars and eighty eight cents." Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 28. 1855.



Ordered: That the subject of the  
aforesaid award to Charles G. Hall be referred to Aldermen Woke, Sprague,  
and Dunham.

827.

Adjourned to Saturday (tomorrow) at 12 M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Saturday the Twenty ninth day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman, and Aldermen Joy, Woke, Topliff, and Woodberry.

There being no quorum present the Board

No quorum.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Thirty first day of December, Anno Domini, 1855.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Cowdin.

A lease of room numbered ten in the Old State House to the North American Fire Insurance Company for one year from April 1. 1856. for the sum of one thousand dollars per annum was approved by the Board.

Grass.

Petition of James A. Maynard for leave to place a stone to protect a tree at the corner of Eutaw and

Maynard

828. Marion Streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Dec. 31, 1855.

Merriam.

Petition of P. H. Merriam for leave to erect a Stable on Harrison Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Felch.

Petition of Hiram E. Felch for leave to exhibit a Panorama of Cuba at Williams Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Warden  
Building.

A notice from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department that a wooden building of unlawful dimensions is now being erected in West Lenox Street, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Wheeler.

The Committee on Tiers to whom was referred the petition of J. Wheeler and others for a hearing respecting the application for the construction of the State Road Tower, reported a variance of the same to the next meeting of the Committee. And accepted.

Cushing.

Leave was granted to Joseph Cushing to open the National Theatre from and after Dec. 31, 1855 for a short term.

Larkin.

On petition of P. Larkin for a hack stand in State Street, the Committee on Licenses reported that State Street is a locality in which it has not been the custom for some time past to assign stands for carriages and in the opinion of the Committee cannot be so used without objection, and therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Williams.

On petition of John L. Williams for leave to occupy Stall No. 102, Faneuil Hall Market, the Committee on the Market reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.



The Joint Standing Committee 829.

on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Comerford, Dec. 31, 1855. asking that the sum of Three hundred ninety six <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars with in: Comerford. lost from 1846; the same being for labor and material furnished in that year, in filling and grading Dedham Street, have duly considered the same and as said Comerford is unable to satisfy the Committee as regards the correctness of the above claim, they would submit the following Report: That the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Samuel Topliff, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. January 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Came up concurred.

The Joint Special Committee to whom the petition of John L. Hunnewell was referred would report that the same be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, A. K. P. Joy, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Came up concurred.

The Committee on South Bay Lands to whom were referred the several petitions of Amasa Wales, John Sears, Samuel D. Fuller, and Co English for leave to hire that portion of the South Bay Lands lately occupied by the United States Agricultural Society - also the petitions of Theodore Voelkers and A. W. Ladd and Co to purchase a part of the same, beg leave to Report: That the territory referred to having been leased to the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder and associates for the term of one year, the Committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Lunham, Jr. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jun<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Came up concurred.

On petition of Edward Mahoney and others for abatement of a nuisance in Wendell Street, the

Hunnewell.  
Public  
Conservatory.

Wales.  
Sears.  
Fuller.  
English.  
Voelkers.  
Ladd.

Mahoney

830. Committee on Internal Health reported that the subject of complaint is  
Dec 31. 1855. a private annoyance and not a public nuisance, and that therefore  
the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Seccomb. The Committee on Ordinances  
Boarding house to whom was referred the petition of Seccomb and Taylor and others,  
runners that the "runners" to the Women's Boarding Houses may be subject  
to Police Regulations, report that an Act of the Legislature should be  
passed to meet this class of cases. Your Committee recommend its  
reference to the next City Council, B. F. Cooke, Chairman. Read and  
accepted. Sent down for concurrence, Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Came up concurred.

Market place Ordered: That the Committee on Public Lands be  
at South and they are hereby directed to set apart from the public lands at South Boston  
Boston. a lot of land, which shall be suitable for a Market Place in order to  
carry out the intention of Sec. 2<sup>d</sup> of the Act of 1803. by which a part  
of Dorchester was annexed to Boston - the Market Place which was set  
apart for that purpose under said act having been appropriated to School  
purposes in 1826. Sent down for concurrence. January 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Came up con-  
curred. Approved by the Mayor, January 4. 1856

Friend Street The order of the Common Council  
Loan contemplating a Loan of Fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of defray  
the expenses of extending Friend Street, came up with the request  
of the Common Council to recede from its vote of reference to the next  
City Council, which was - a decision that was entered upon  
its previous vote of nonconcurrence in said reference. Sent down.



Resolved, That the safety and 831.

convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Church Street Dec. 31. 1855.  
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and Church  
lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land be- Street  
longing to the heirs of George Parkman - bounded as follows, viz: East- Parkman  
wardly by the proposed line of widening of Church Street, there measur-  
ing forty six feet; Northwardly by the present line of Church Street, nine  
feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ ; Westwardly by the same, forty six feet and  $\frac{100}{100}$ ; and South-  
wardly still by the same, nine feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$ : containing four hundred  
and forty two square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been  
given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land  
for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed,  
It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and  
the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the  
said City - according to a plan of the said widening, made by James  
Hilde dated December 21<sup>st</sup> 1855 and deposited in the office of the said  
Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of  
widening the said Church street, as aforesaid, will amount to one  
thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of  
previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the pres-  
ent municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.  
Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 1. 1856.

The Committee on Streets to whom Nick  
was referred the petition of Otis Crick and others for the widening of O'Connor  
Essex Street at the corner of South Street, and also the remonstrance Essex Street.  
of James O'Connor against the same, reported a reference of the same  
to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Dec 31. 1855. The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of William Brigham for the widening of Washington St. in the vicinity of the Union Bank reported a reference of the same to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Hobbs,  
Sanford,  
Brackett. The Committee on Streets to whom were referred the petitions of W. J. Hobbs and others for the widening of the bridge over the Worcester river road back on Garrison Avenue; the communication of Samuel Sanford respecting the damages to his property in Albinson Street - the notice of intention to build by John Thomas on Myrtle Street - also the notice of intention to build by Jeffrey R. Brackett on Eliot Street - the Committee on Streets reported a reference of the said subjects to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

South Street  
Old Colony  
St. Road. The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the order of September 25. 1854. respecting the occupancy and width of the South Street sidewalk adjoining the Station of the Old Colony and Old River roads reported a reference of said matter to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Albany  
Street. The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the order of April 17. 1854. respecting the laying out of Albany Street between Oak and Orange Streets reported a reference of the same to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Sea  
Street. The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the order of September 25. 1854. respecting the widening of Sea Street near Summer Street, reported a reference of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Shaving  
Street. The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the order of September 25. 1854. respecting the laying out of



Thaving Street as a public highway, reported a reference of the same 833.  
to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted. Dec. 31. 1855.

The Committee on Streets to whom Summer  
was referred the order for the continuance of Summer Street to the  
Commissioners' Line, reported a reference of the same to the next Board  
of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to assignment the Board Chauncy  
resumed the consideration of the proposed laying out of Chauncy and  
Bedford Places into one continuous highway, and on motion of Alder-  
man for the subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with  
full power.

The Board having taken up the Union  
subject of the proposed widening of Union Street the matter was referred  
to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets with full power. Street.

The Superintendent of Public Lands Lands.  
presented to the Board his annual report of the sales of Public Lands  
for the present Municipal Year. Read, laid on the table and ordered to  
be printed

The Committee on Institutions to Newboul  
whom was referred the order of April 3<sup>d</sup> 1855 to consider the expediency Force pump.  
of providing a Force Pump for the City Steamboat, report that as the Steam  
Boat Henry Morrison is provided with a proper Force Pump no action on  
the order is required. For the Committee, Thomas Sprague. Read and  
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Came up concurred.

Agreeably to assignment the Board Market  
took up the subject of the Market Leases and after some discussion the fol- Leases.

851.  
Dec. 31. 1855. Following Preamble and order were passed by the Board:—Whereas, the Ordinance of the City requires that the stalls in Faneuil Hall Market shall be leased to the respective occupants by written leases the conditions are prescribed by the Board of Aldermen, and whereas the conditions of said leases have been prescribed by said Board—and whereas the said stalls have been used by the occupants for several months without written leases, it is therefore, Ordered: That the Chairman of the Market Committee be authorized to sign and execute in the name and behalf of the City of Boston the leases of said stalls according to the provisions of an order passed Dec. 10, 1855.

Foster Street  
Slip.

The subject of the discontinuance of the Foster Street Slip having been taken up by the Board, Sidney Barlett and George S. Hale, Esquires, appeared in behalf of sundry remonstrants against said measure—and they also this day presented to the Board the remonstrance of John G. Nichols and other citizens against the same. It appearing to the Board that sundry parties were present by their counsel H. F. Durant and H. L. Hazellon, Esquires, who favored the proposed discontinuance of said Slip, they were allowed by the Board to cross-examine the witnesses of the remonstrants and to introduce testimony on their own part. After hearing all the testimony in the case and the arguments of counsel, the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Wednesday next at four o'clock, P.M.

To which hour the Board Adjourned.



Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the second day of January, Anno Domini, 1856.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Pursuant to the report of the Sears.  
Committee on Licenses, the license already granted to John Sears to exhibit animals in Howard Street was extended for three months from the day of its expiration.

On petition of Dennis S. Hogan, Hogan  
Lieut. Commander of the Marine Guards, for the payment of the rent of Marine Guards  
the room formerly occupied by them for an Armory, which was due Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> last, the Committee on Armories reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the notice of intention to build by May.  
Samuel May on Spring Street and on the petition of Barnes  
kins for payment of damages for the widening of Beverly Street - of Wil- How,  
liam How to be paid for damages sustained by him from the widening and  
of Friend Street - of Moses Wood, Jr. to be paid for damages sustain- Williams.  
ed by the widening of the Board of  
land taken from him in Groton Street - the Committee on Streets report-  
ed a reference of said several subjects to the next Board of Alder-  
men. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Internal Health, to Pierce  
whom was referred the petitions of James Pierce and others, and of Howe.  
James Howe and others for the abatement of a nuisance on Holton's Holton's Wharf.  
Wharf caused by the burning of bones &c, reported, that it is inexpedi-  
ent to act on the same unless the acts of 1854 & 1855, be accepted by the  
City Council. Read and accepted.

On petition of Isaac Hull for  
 leave to erect a Steam Engine at South Boston, and the remonstrances  
 of Alexander Beal against the erection of a Steam Engine in Rowe  
 Place, and the remonstrance of Osmyn Brewster against the erection  
 of a Steam Engine at corner of Pitts and Green Streets - the committee  
 on Steam Engines reported that no further action is required there-  
 on. Read and accepted.

South Cove

Streets.

Ordered: That the following streets &  
 parts of streets be and the same hereby are accepted as public streets  
 or highways of the City, viz: Genesee, Oswego, Oneida Streets, and Curve  
 Street between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street; <sup>A</sup> Seneca Street  
 from N<sup>o</sup> 31 to Albany Street - Tyler Street between Harvard and Kneeland  
 Streets, and <sup>between Oak and Curve Streets and</sup> Hudson Street, between Harvard and Kneeland Streets  
 and between Oak and Curve Streets. The said streets, <sup>& portions of streets</sup> being shown  
 in red on a plan made by James Glade, City Engineer, dated Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1855  
 and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen. <sup>B</sup> Read and refer-  
 red to the Committee on Paving.

Allen.

Leave was granted to Hiram E. Fitch  
 to exhibit a Panorama of Cuba at Williams Hall.

Allen

Ordered: That there be paid to Aaron  
 N. Allen the sum of Eight hundred and <sup>100</sup> Dollars for land taken to  
 widen Pleasant Street, in 1855. upon his giving to the City a Deed for the  
 same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
 expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged  
 to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. - Approved by  
 the Mayor, Jan: 3. 1856.

Bebe.

Ordered: That there be paid to James  
 M. Bebe the sum of Six thousand seven hundred eighty one and <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub>



Dollars for land taken to widen Union corner of Hanover Street, 837  
in 1834. upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an ac- Jun. 2. 1856  
quittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in conse-  
quence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropri-  
ation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets. Ap-  
proved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1856

Resolved: That the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars for land  
the proposed widening of North Grove Street, said subject was re- Street  
committed to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Ordered: That there be paid to Badger  
Daniel B. Badger the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars for land  
taken to widen Blackstone Street, in 1833 upon his giving to the City  
a Deed for the same and an acquittance and discharge for all damages,  
costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same  
be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out  
and widening Streets. Approved by the Mayor, January 3. 1856.

Ordered: That the several sums Friend  
ordered to be paid to the several claimants in the matter of Friend Street  
Street included and specified in the several orders passed Dec. 28. Street  
last by this Board be paid to the several parties upon their giving to the City ac- contractors.  
quittances and discharges for all damages costs and expenses by reason  
of the action of this Board and that the expense be charged to  
the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. Approved by the  
Mayor, Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1856.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience  
of the Inhabitants of the City require that a street should be laid out from Bedford Street to Summer Street and for that purpose  
Bedford Places.

Jan. 2. 1856.

it is necessary to lay out as a public street or way of the said city the Places known as Bedford Place and Chauncy Place and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the present Northwesterly corner of Bedford Street and Bedford Place; thence running Northwardly, bounded by the present westerly line of said Places four hundred and one feet and  $\frac{1}{100}$  to Summer Street; thence Eastwardly by Summer Street forty one feet and  $\frac{1}{100}$ ; thence Southwardly by the present easterly line of said Places three hundred and ninety two feet and  $\frac{93}{100}$  to Bedford Street, and thence by Bedford Street, thirty nine feet and  $\frac{7}{10}$  to the point of beginning. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to lay out the said Places for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the Places before described be, and the same hereby are laid out as a public street or way of the said city—according to a plan of the same made by James Slade, City Engineer, dated January 2<sup>d</sup> 1856. and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of laying out the said street, as aforesaid, will amount to Two hundred dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Jan<sup>y</sup> 3. 1856.

Chauncy &  
Bedford Places

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve passed this day took a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying on Chauncy Place and Bedford Place and laid out the same as a public street or way of said city, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to the Proprietors of the First Church—Henry Lee and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and project-





840. will amount to One Hundred dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the Mayor, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 3.<sup>d</sup> 1856.

Whereas this Board has resolved  
Grove Street. passed this day took a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying  
Springfield on North Grove Street and laid out the same as a public street or way  
Burbank of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Nathaniel Springfield and Otis Burbank and all other parties interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said North Grove Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the fourth day of Jan<sup>y</sup> now next ensuing. And in default thereof, the Chief of Police is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said North Grove Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Union Street Resolved, That the safety and  
Grant convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Union Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Moses Grant, bounded as follows, viz: Westwardly by the proposed



line of widening of Union Street, there measuring eleven feet and  $\frac{3}{10}$ ; 841.  
Northwestwardly by the same, on a curve of four feet and  $\frac{2}{100}$  radius, 842.  
ten feet and  $\frac{12}{100}$ ; Southwestwardly by the northeasterly line of Friend  
Street, twenty two feet and  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; Southwardly by the same four feet and  
 $\frac{25}{100}$ ; Eastwardly by the present line of Union Street twenty nine feet  
and  $\frac{12}{100}$ ; and Northwardly by Scott Court, fourteen feet and  $\frac{25}{100}$ ; contain-  
ing three hundred and fifty square feet more or less. And Whereas,  
due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the  
said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the re-  
turn hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land  
before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a  
public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said  
widening made by James Slade, dated January 2<sup>d</sup> 1856. and deposited  
in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth ad-  
judge that the expense of widening the said Union Street, as aforesaid,  
will amount to Four thousand nine hundred dollars: which sum to-  
gether with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or dis-  
continuances in said street, during the present municipal year,  
does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Approved by the  
Board of Aldermen, Jan: 2, 1856.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve Grant-  
passed this day took a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying on Union Street.  
Union Street and laid out the same as a public street or way of said  
City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Moses Grant  
and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants,  
or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and  
carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort  
standing on and projecting over the line of said Union Street;  
as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the

842. same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and  
run: 2, 1856: premises taken as aforesaid on or before the fourth day of January now  
next ensuing. And in default thereof, the Chief of Police is hereby di-  
rected and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause  
all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over  
the line of said Union Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved  
and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and  
surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and  
widening streets.

Friend Street  
referees

The Special Committee to whom  
was referred the order relating to the payment of the sum of nine hun-  
dred eighteen dollars to the referees in the Friend Street case respecting a  
fact that the agreement of reference was drawn by the counsel of the  
individuals claiming damages that the said agreement was  
not submitted to the City Solicitor for examination, that said agreement  
of reference does not provide for the payment of the costs of reference  
that by the decision in the 13 of March, 213. Ten or Twelve S. Mass.  
390. it was found that the award of costs was not properly before the referees,  
and that the award of the sum of nine hundred and eighteen  
dollars to the referees is not legally due and payable by the City, and  
your Committee would recommend that the order relating to the pay-  
ment of said sum be indefinitely postponed. For the Committee, Benj.  
T. Cooke. Read and accepted.

Washington

Dock Square Tuckerman have given notice to this Board of their intention to  
Washington erect buildings on Dock Square and Washington Street, in the said  
city and in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience  
of the inhabitants require that the said Square and Street should be



widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby 813.

Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Heirs of Edward Tucker Jan: 2. 1856.  
erman that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned,  
by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid,  
and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the  
twenty first day of January instant at four o'clock, PM, is assigned  
as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be directed to grade Foundry Street to the line of Sixth Street and Sixth  
and open and grade Sixth Street from Dorchester Avenue to Foundry Street. Approved by the Mayor, January 3<sup>d</sup> 1856. Streets.

The Committee on Lamps beg Boston  
leave to state to the Board that the Boston Gas Light Company Gas Light  
have presented to them for their approval a Bill for "cutting out the Company  
Burners on the street Gas Lamps" amounting to four hundred and  
seventy six <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, which bill the Committee refuse to approve  
because they see no good reason why that bill should be paid by the  
City. They therefore recommend a reference of said subject to the next  
Board of Aldermen. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read  
and accepted.

The Master of the House of Correction Houses of  
and the Superintendent of the House of Industry presented to the Correction  
Board their respective reports on the character of the inmates under & industries  
their respective charge at this date. Read and placed on file. inmates.

Ordered: That there be paid to S. Goff  
Goff the sum of sixteen <sup>65</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars the amount having been paid

844. by him, under protest, for construction of a drain; the said L. G. Goff  
having, prior to the construction of the drain, been assessed and hav-  
ing paid for entering into a drain obstructed by other parties than  
the said petitioner. Approved by the Mayor, January 3<sup>d</sup> 1856.

Foster Street  
Slip.

Agreeably to assignment the Board  
resumed the consideration of the proposed discontinuance of Foster Street -  
and after a discussion thereon the following Preamble and order were  
passed: In the matter of the discontinuance of a portion of Foster Street,  
or Foster Street Slip, so called, - Personal notice having been given to all  
the owners, tenants and occupants of all lands abutting upon said street,  
and public notice having been given to all persons interested therein, and  
said parties having all appeared and been fully heard in relation  
thereto and the Board having examined the premises and fully con-  
sidered the same, Ordered: That the public safety and convenience  
require, that so much of Foster Street as lies north of Commercial Street  
and between Commercial Street and the dock or slip at the north end  
of said Foster Street, be and the same is hereby discontinued, as and  
for a public Street and highway, and the Board further award that no  
person is entitled to receive any damages on account of such discontinu-  
ance. The Board of Aldermen having examined the subject, estimate  
the expense of said discontinuance at the sum of one dollar. Approved  
by the Mayor, Jan. 3<sup>d</sup> 1856.

Funeral  
Paraphernalia

The Committee to whom was re-  
ferred the order of the City Council relating to the present condition  
of the Funeral Paraphernalia used by the City at the funerals of Wash-  
ing T. Taylor and other distinguished men, respectfully recommend its  
reference to the next City Council. For the Committee, Charles Woodberry,  
Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jan. 3<sup>d</sup> same up concurred.



Ordered: That the bill of 815.

Prescott and Croft dated first instant for three hundred sixty four <sup>00</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 2. 1856.  
dollars for work on the Paris Street School House be audited and paid provided  
it the same is duly approved by the Committee which authorized the  
work. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> came up concurred. Approved by  
the Mayor, January 4, 1856.

The Joint Standing Committee Niles  
on Public Buildings, who were instructed in consultation with the Water Block.  
Board, to secure suitable rooms in "Niles Block" for the use of the City  
Engineer and the said Water Board, respectfully Report: That they have  
attended to that duty and have secured four rooms in the third story  
for the City Engineer - at annual rent of one hundred and seventy five  
dollars each, and one room in the second story for the Water Board at  
annual rent of two hundred dollars. For the Committee, C. J. Woodman,  
Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> came  
up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 4. 1856.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the communication of the School Committee  
of Ward XI. respecting the condition of the plank sidewalk Ward XI.  
leading to the School House in Northampton Street recommend a ref-  
erence of the subject to the next City Council. For the Committee, C. J.  
Woodman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> came  
up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Coffin  
Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Coffin, administra-  
tor, for an allowance for the family of Lorenzo Pratt, alleged to have been  
killed from a defect in Tremont Street - and also the petition of Moses  
Johnson for compensation for injuries sustained by falling into a new  
hole in Washington Street - respectfully recommend that the same be

846 referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Josiah Dunham,  
Jan<sup>2</sup> 2, 1856 Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Jan. 3<sup>d</sup> came up con-  
curred.

Ballast.

John Davis, Henry Curtis, and Abijah

R. Jewsbury, Inspectors of Ballast submitted their report of the quantity  
of ballast inspected by them during the last quarter. Read and sent  
down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Steam

The Committee on Finance, to whom

Fire Engine.

the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, relating to the erection of  
a house for the accommodation of the Steam Fire engine, was referred,  
have considered the subject and respectfully report that the appropria-  
tion for engine Houses is sufficient to meet the proposed cost, viz: Seven-  
teen hundred dollars. For the Committee, J. V. G. Smith, Chairman. Accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence. January 3.<sup>d</sup> came up concurred.

Baker and

The Committee on the Assessors' De-

Morrill.

partment to whom the petition of Messrs Baker and Morrill relating  
to the abatement of taxes was referred respectfully report the accompa-  
nying order. B. F. Cooke, Chairman. Ordered: That the subject matter of  
the petition of Messrs Baker and Morrill be referred to the Permanent  
Committee with full power to take such action as they may deem proper.  
Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Jan<sup>2</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> came up concurred. Approv-  
ed by the Mayor January 4. 1856.

Adjourned to Friday next, at five o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the fourth day of January, Anno Domini, 1856.

Read

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Woodman.

Ordered: That the City Messenger be and he is hereby authorized to procure the suitable binding of the City Documents for the year 1855: one copy for each of the members of the City Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, January 5 1856.

The Committee on Ordinances to whom were referred the papers and ordinances relating to the Public Land Commission would respectfully report that action is unnecessary. For the Committee, Benj. F. Cooke. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the accompanying order of the City Council with the report of the Committee to whom the same was referred, respectfully report, that the several documents came to their hands on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1855; that in the opinion of your Committee the passage of the Ordinance amending the Ordinance on Faneuil Hall Market would not accomplish the object desired, as its passage would give no more ample accommodations for the "sale of provisions in the City". Your Committee would represent that the Revised Ordinances relating to the subject were in print prior to the time at which the papers in this case came to the hands of your Committee. The Superintendent of Fan-

Jun<sup>y</sup> 4. 1856.

evil Hall Market is under the direction and control of the Mayor and Aldermen, and the present incumbent is now under bonds, and it is in the power of the Mayor and Aldermen to require bonds of that officer. In view of the importance of the subject referred to your Committee and in consideration of the foregoing facts your Committee would report that the passage of the accompanying Ordinance would be inexpedient. For the Committee. J. H. Lake, Chairman. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Funeral  
Undertaker.

On nomination by the Mayor, George Robinson, Jr. was appointed a Funeral Undertaker for the City.

Claims

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims submitted to the City Council a report of the doings of said Committee for the years 1854 and 1855 wherein are enumerated the list of cases settled by them, the list of cases still in abeyance, and a list of cases rejected by them. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and thereupon said report was ordered to be printed. (See City Document No. 74).

Ordinances.

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims to whom was referred the order to pay the Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances five hundred and fifty per dollar, have considered the subject and respectfully report, that in their opinion the same ought not to pass. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Police.

The Chief of Police submitted to the Board through the hands of the Mayor, his annual report for 1855. which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.



The Superintendent of Streets 8719.

submitted to the Board his quarterly report of the doings in his office to the first instant. Read and placed on file. Jun<sup>y</sup> 14, 1856. Streets.

The Common Council having Indices

again referred the report and order respecting the Indices to the Records of Deeds, to the next City Council, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. to Records of Deeds.

Ordered: That the one dollar Richardson

this day deposited with the City Clerk by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company, as security for the payment of all such damages and costs as shall be awarded by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston or by a jury for the land or other property taken by said Company as alleged in the petition to this Board of Thomas Richardson dated April 28, 1855. be approved as the security satisfactory to this Board of Aldermen. vs. N.Y. Central Rail Road Company.

Ordered: That the one dollar Richardson

this day deposited with the City Clerk by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company as security for the payment of all such damages and costs, as shall be awarded by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston or by a jury for the land or other property taken by said Company as alleged in the petition to this Board of Thomas Richardson dated November 12, 1855. be approved as the security satisfactory to this Board of Aldermen. vs. N.Y. Central Rail Road Company.

The Committee on the Fire De- Wooden

partment, to whom was referred the subject of a dangerous wooden building on Lenox Street reported a reference of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted. building.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 4. 1856. whom was referred the petition of William A. Shaw and others that the street lamps may continue lighted at a later hour in the morning than is now usual, reported a reference of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Maynard.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petition of James S. Maynard to have a stone in Court Street to protect a tree in said street, reported a reference of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Review.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, Barclay and Lilliard were allowed to exhibit a Panorama of Jerusalem at Horticultural Hall.

Shallon.

Alderman Cooke submitted to the Board the following order—Ordered: That there be paid to Theo. W. Stratton the sum of Six hundred and sixty two dollars and forty cents for the transportation of Prisoners from July 11. 1855. to Dec. 29. inclusive, (the said sum being at the rate of twenty cents per person) and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the department of Internal Health. Passed with these amendments, at A. strike out "Six hundred and sixty two dollars and forty cents," and insert "Eight hundred and twenty eight dollars," and at B. insert "twenty five" for the word "twenty." Approved by the Mayor, January 5. 1856

Shallon

Alderman Cooke submitted the following order—Ordered: That such balance as may be found due Jonas Shallon for the transportation of Prisoners at the rate of twenty cents be paid him and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation



tion for Internal Health Department. Passed with this amendment 851.

at A. strike out words "and in a 'winding place'." Approved by the Board Jan. 5, 1856.

January 5, 1856.

The Committee on Paving to South Cove whom was referred the order of January 2<sup>d</sup> respecting the acceptance of Streets. Seneca, Oswego and other streets on the South Cove territory, reported that the same ought to pass with this amendment, viz: at A. (as on page 836) strike out "Seneca Street from N<sup>o</sup> 31. to Albany Street". Read and laid on the table.

Adjourned to Saturday (tomorrow) at one o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Saturday the fifth day of January, Anno Domini, 1856.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Cooke.

The Superintendent of Health presented to the Board the report of the doings of his office for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1855. Read and placed on file.

Ordered: That the continuous high way laid out through what is called Bedford Place and Chauncy Place between Bedford and Summer Streets be hereafter known and

852. called "Chauncy Street". Approved by the Mayor, January 5, 1856.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 5, 1856.

Chauncy  
Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be directed to remove the sidewalk across the centre of Chauncy Street, upon the gutters and macadamize said Street. Approved by the Mayor, January 5, 1856.

Messinger

Street.

D. Street.

Ordered: That the name of the street running from Beacon Street to Chestnut Street heretofore known as D. Street be hereafter known and called Messinger Street. Approved by the Mayor January 5, 1856.

Braman

Parmelee

Boek.

The Committee on Lamps to whom were referred the several petitions of Jarvis D. Braman and others for Gas Lamps at the foot of Chestnut Street—A Parmelee and others, that more lamps be placed in Seneca Street—and of Ephraim Boek for three Gas Lamps on Central Square, reported, that the several petitions be granted, and that the Superintendent of Lamps be instructed to place lamps as requested. Read and accepted. Approved by the Mayor Jan<sup>y</sup> 5, 1856.

South Cove

Streets.

On motion of Alderman Howdin, the report of the Committee on Paving in favor of accepting Genesee, Oswego and other streets at the south end of the City was taken from the table, and the order (as recorded page 836), was passed with these amendments, viz: at A. strike out "Seneca Street from N<sup>o</sup> 31 to Albany Street" and at B. add "Provided the South Cove Corporation will indemnify the City against all damages, which may arise by reason of such acceptance or language". Approved by the Mayor, January 5, 1856.

Unfinished  
business

Ordered: That all matters of an unfinished nature be referred to the next Board of Aldermen.



The business of the Board has - 853.

ing been accomplished, Alderman Sprague addressed the Board as follows: - Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: - Our official labors are about to terminate, and we are soon to separate from each other, never, in all probability, to meet together again in an official capacity. It seems regrettable, I trust we part friends. We were appointed the guardians of the public interests. How well the duties imposed on us have been performed our constituents may claim the right to judge. But the consciousness of having devoted much of our time, and all our energies, to what we considered the public welfare, will amply repay us for the sacrifices made in the fulfilment of our duties. Mr. Chairman, having been more intimately connected with you than any other member of the Board, by having been placed with you on many important standing and special committees - it gives me sincere pleasure to state, that in the committee-room, as well as at the Board, your endeavors to promote the interests of the city have been both judicious and unceasing. I take this opportunity to return my thanks to our past chairman, Mr. Dickinson, who deemed it proper to leave us before the year had closed, for the many courtesies received from his hand; and to you, Mr. Chairman, and to each member of the Board, I return my thanks for the uniform courtesy which has been extended to me during the year. - Upon the conclusion of his remarks, Alderman Sprague offered the following Resolve - Resolved: That the thanks of this Board be presented to Alderman Josiah Dunham Jr. for his promptness and impartiality as chairman of this Board: for his fidelity and devotion to the best interest of the city, and the able manner with which he has discharged his various duties; and on his retirement from his responsible position we tender him our best wishes for his future health, happiness and prosperity. Aldermen Lawdin and Woodman with some appropriate remarks seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously: - in reply to which

854. Alderman Dunham spoke as follows: Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen. For the kindly expressed vote which you have just passed, I return you my heartfelt thanks. The official relation which we have sustained to each other the past year, is about to terminate, and it is most gratifying to me to know that our associations have been of so pleasant a nature, that we shall leave these public duties, the best of personal friends, and with the assurance that wherever we may hereafter meet in the varied walks of social or business life, the attachments here formed will be manifested in a friendship which will be lasting, and of a most agreeable character. It is fitting and appropriate, it is creditable to us, not only as officers, but as men, and fellow-citizens, that at the expiration of our term of public service, we are about to retire to the ranks of private life from which we were called by the votes of our fellow citizens, I say it is peculiarly appropriate at such a time as this, that the kindly relation we have sustained to each other for so long a time should manifest itself in the expressions of friendship and good will; not as a mere formal and customary ceremony, but as we feel it to be in this case, in the cordial expression of the sentiment of our hearts. We have the proud satisfaction of knowing that we have endeavored with a good conscience to perform faithfully all the duties of our respective positions, and we resign our high trusts to other hands, with the same cheerfulness, that we assumed them, fully assured that the record of our acts when viewed by the impartial judgement of our successors, and weighed in the balance of their experience, will exhibit no error more grave than that of the understanding; and while to err is human it will not be forgotten that it is divine to forgive. Our record is made up; the eye of the All-seeing One has scanned our motives; His judgement will be true and just. May his richest blessings attend each and all of you through the remainder of life, and His great reward be with you when life's great work is ended.



After votes of thanks had been passed 855.

to the City Clerk, and to the City Messenger for their respective services to the Board, His Honor the Mayor addressed the Board in accordance with an expressed desire and thereupon the Board

Thanks to  
Clerk &  
Messenger.

Adjourned sine die.

Attest: *Saml. W. McLeary*

City Clerk

I the subscriber do hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a true Record of proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the year  
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*Saml. W. McLeary*

City Clerk





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